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CANTON AFFAIR.

ATTEMPT ON GENERAL CHU PEI-TAK.

FOUR EXECUTED.

A report from Canton tells of an unsuccessful attempt on the life of General Chu Pei-tak. It is said that while in his private office at the headquarters at Ta Sha Tau, conversing with his Chief of Staff, an assassin rushed into the office, and point blank fired at the General, but missed him. A second round also missed, and immediately the body guards seized the assassin.

The man was immediately brought before Chu Pei-tak and he is said to have confessed that his surname was Li, that he was an officer of one of the regiments of the 3rd Army Corps and that there were three other officers belonging to the same Army Corps who were his accomplices. Orders were immediately issued for the arrest of the alleged accomplices, who were later apprehended and made a confession of the intended crime.

All four officers were later shot at the headquarters. It is stated that the affair was hushed up for a time, as all four men were officers under the direct command of Chu Pei-tak, and further investigation was necessary before making a report to the Committee of Military Affairs.

General Chu Pei-tak, who is a native of Yunnan, has recently been in command of the Third Army Corps, and has been working in close concert with the Hunanese troops now in Kwangtung. During the recent operations, the larger part of his forces has been stationed in the north-western section of the province. He was some time ago reported to have been captured by Szechuan troops whilst on his way from Shikwan to Canton, but this report was later shown to be incorrect. Appointed to the command of the troops in the North River sector, he was later said to have been selected for the position of Garrison Commandant at Canton, but no official announcement of his acceptance of the post has been made public as yet.

FRATERNITY PARTY.

CANTON'S HEARTY WELCOME.

The latest news concerning the welcome to the fraternity party of Hongkong merchants is that the Canton Government ordered a military band to meet the visitors and that representatives of the Canton merchants, labour and strike unions were to be at the landing stage when the steamer arrived on Saturday afternoon.

It is further reported that the party will attend a memorial service at Wong Fa Kong in memory of the seventy-two heroes who sacrificed their lives for the cause of the Revolution.

MOTOR MISHAP.

BUS AND CAR COLLISION

At a motor bus, owned by the China Motor Bus Company, was being driven along Lai Chi Kok road, yesterday, a collision occurred with a motor car, at the junction of Lai Chi Kok road and Shanghai Street. The front part of the bus, and the rear part of the car were damaged, but no one

MOTOR CYCLE STOLEN.

TWICE TAKEN BY SAME THIEF.

A man who could steal a motor cycle and side-car twice within 24 hours, was at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court today described by Mr. E. W. Hamilton as one fully deserving to retain custody of the machine. The vehicle involved belonged to Mr. P. Vickers, who appeared to prosecute a young Chinese on two charges of larceny of a Triumph motor cycle and side-car on Christmas Day and Boxing Day respectively. The defendant was further arraigned on two charges of obtaining meals on the same days with intent to defraud.

The circumstances surrounding the theft of the machine were told the Court by Sergeant Rozesky. It was stated that the combination was left unattended in Cameron Road on the afternoon of December 25th. The machine was later discovered to have been stolen and the matter was reported to the Water Police Station.

In the meantime the master of a restaurant made a report to the Yau-mat Police Station to the effect that a certain Chinese had obtained a meal at the tea-house, leaving a motor cycle as deposit, as he had no money on him at the time. The man had left the shop and had not returned. The police took possession of the vehicle which was returned to the complainant on Boxing Day morning.

Later on Boxing Day, whilst left by its owner outside his residence at Cambay Building, the machine was again stolen and deposited at another restaurant, where the defendant was identified as having had a meal.

In answer to the charges, the defendant admitted obtaining the meal on the second occasion, but denied all the other three charges. After hearing the evidence, his Worship convicted on all four counts and imposed terms of imprisonment amounting to four months' hard labour.

BRANDY POSSESSION.

CHINESE WHO WAS CHASED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of two bottles of brandy.

It was stated that the defendant landed from a sampan at a wharf opposite the Western market yesterday. A revenue officer approached to search him, but the defendant dropped the bottles, which were wrapped in mats, and ran away. One of the bottles was broken, but the other one was found to be intact. The defendant was pursued and caught.

He was fined \$10 and the brandy was confiscated.

RAW MATERIALS.

U.S. AND FOREIGN MONOPOLIES.

Chicago, Dec. 26. According to the Chicago Tribune, at the next economic conference of the League of Nations, the American delegates will oppose the foreign monopolies of rubber, quinine, pulp and other raw materials, in which they will have the support of many nations. Britain, says the journal, should agree to a consideration of this question.

MURDER TRIAL.

WOMAN COMPLAINS OF COUNSEL'S VOICE.

MADE HER ILL!

The trial of Shing Wai-tat, an elderly Chinese, on a charge of murder of an Indian constable from whose custody he is alleged to have escaped after arrest for cutting trees, at Ngau Shi Wan, on the 8th July last, entered upon an interesting stage at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn, (for the defence), resumed his cross-examination of a Chinese woman who was instrumental for the arrest of the accused.

This witness told how she was approached by the wife of the accused with a view to the sale of a house which was already heavily mortgaged, and how, on learning that the accused was in hiding in Chinese territory, she enticed him to return on the pretence that his signature was absolutely necessary to the proper transference of the titled deeds. As soon as he had crossed over the bridge leading into Lowu, in British territory, he was pounced upon by two detectives who had set this trap in co-operation with the witness. She was induced to take a hand in the apprehension of the accused by the offer of the \$1,000 reward and the fact that prisoner had "done something against the Government."

Under severe cross-examination by the defence, she admitted that on the train journey into Chinese territory she was accompanied by the accused's wife and son, the former of whom paid her fare for her. She also got four soldiers, members of a Labour Picket, to escort the accused and her to the bridge-head, ostensibly for the purpose of guarding themselves against possible robbers and kidnappers, but really to see that the accused did not change his mind and escape before being handed over to the detectives waiting on the other side of the bridge.

A question put to witness by Mr. Zeitlyn was whether she told the accused's wife and son, who were accompanying him, that the soldiers were meant for their protection or for her own protection. Witness said that when they crossed the bridge she proceeded to the prisoner in order to bring word to the detectives of his coming, and to give the necessary time for the officers to act, she engaged him for some minutes in arranging for the affixing of his signature to a document. Of the woman who followed the accused over the bridge, witness did not know her nor anything about her.

When Mr. Zeitlyn was somewhat pressing in his cross-examination concerning the identity of the woman and a contradictory statement she had made at the last sitting on this point, witness explained that Mr. Zeitlyn possessed such a loud voice that she had been scared, and the effect of this fright was such that she had been ill for the last few days, and was not yet recovered from it. Consequently she did not remember clearly what she said.

Mr. Zeitlyn, looking around the Court, observed that he hoped his voice had not this effect on anyone else.

The case is proceeding. It was stated to-day that in all likelihood it will be extended until Wednesday.

REPARATIONS ENQUIRY.

U.S. DELEGATE IN FRANCE.

Cherbourg, Dec. 27. Professor Edwin Kemmerer, the American delegate to the Reparations Commission, has arrived.

HOW TIENSIN FELL.

BITTER BAYONET FIGHTING.

Shanghai, Dec. 29. Reuter's correspondent at Peking, under date of the 24th inst., says that capture of Tientsin by General Feng's troops was preceded by very heavy fighting.

On the 22nd, the Kuominchun forces attacked early in the morning, and after sanguinary bayonet fighting, gained Li Ching-lin's defence system near Poitsang. Li Ching-lin counter-attacked that afternoon and regained some of the lost ground. Eye-witnesses state that hundreds were lying in the trenches and 1,200 Kuominchun wounded had already been brought in to Peking by the 23rd inst. from the previous day's fighting. There was further fighting on the 23rd, as a result of which Li Ching-lin's Fourth Division broke, but he rallied them and established a line three miles from Tientsin Central Station. As the result of further heavy fighting next morning, Li Ching-lin's troops scattered in disorder.

TRIBUTE TO JAPAN.

London, Dec. 27. In a leading article on the Chinese war, the Daily Telegraph declares that the Japanese Government, which has shown real statesmanship in trying to bring about a speedy recovery, recalling the troops from Mukden and withdrawing the order relating to the six-mile zone, in which connection the journal is sure that neither Britain nor the United States in similar circumstances could have remained indifferent to the risks facing their nationals. It opines that but for the presence of a small disciplined Japanese force, Mukden might have been sacked last week and incalculable damage done. "Japan has shown once again that though she is most anxious about the future of her trade with China, she can exercise patience and prefers to employ diplomacy rather than force."

NEW CHIHLI GOVERNOR APPOINTED.

Peking, Dec. 27. A Mandate has been issued appointing Gen. Feng Yu-shiang's supporter, General Sun Yueh as Military and Civil Governor of Chihli province in place of the defeated General Li Ching-lin, whose whereabouts is unknown. Railway and telegraphic communication has been restored between Tientsin and Peking.

BOLSHEVIK SPLIT.

COMMUNISTS AT LOGGERHEADS.

Moscow, Dec. 26. The Bolshevik Congress has ended, as the result of divergences between the Communists organizations in Leningrad and Moscow. The Leningrad delegation insisted that the report made by M. Zinovief should be opposed by the report of M. Staline. The Pravda says this is the biggest split in the annals of the party. M. Zinovief and M. Kamenoff assert that the Union of Soviet Republics is incapable of surmounting internal difficulties unless an international revolution occurs and comes to its aid.

AFGHAN TROUBLE.

AN ALLEGED RUSSIAN ATTACK.

Allahabad, Dec. 27. Newspapers at Kabul report that Russian troops suddenly and unprovokedly attacked and captured the Afghan post of Dardak in Badakshan and occupied the surrounding territory.

JAPAN'S PROMISE.

NEUTRALITY IN CHINESE WAR.

AN EXPLANATION.

The Japanese Government last week instructed Minister Yoshizawa and Consul-General Yoshida at Mukden, to fully explain to the Chinese authorities that the despatch of Japanese troops to Manchuria is simply for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of the Japanese residents and that Japan is not going to assist any party in China.

The Foreign Office authorities declare that Japan does not intend to check or impede the advance of General Kuo Sung-lin's troops by the increase of Japanese troops in Manchuria. So far the Government considered that the present Japanese forces in Manchuria were sufficient for the protection of Japanese residents, but the situation has undergone a radical change by the occupation of Ying-kow by General Kuo's forces, and the Japanese residents in Manchuria are now exposed to danger. The Government is obliged to send troops as the present forces are insufficient to cope with the situation. There is no treaty stipulations concerning the use of the South Manchuria Railway, but if its use by either of the belligerents assist one party, Japan will refuse the use of the railway by both parties.

War Office Statement.

The War Office issued the following statement concerning the despatch of troops from Japan:

"The Japanese troops in Manchuria have maintained strict neutrality in the disturbances going on there and have been doing their utmost to protect the lives and property of the Japanese residents there. The impending conflict between the belligerents, however, threatens the zones in proximity to the Japanese railway territory, a vast area stretching from Ying-kow to Mukden and Tieling being involved.

"The Commandant of the Japanese garrison forces in Kwantung recently issued a warning to the belligerents, but there is a likelihood of the Japanese special zone being endangered. The Japanese troops whose terms of service in Manchuria expired in the middle part of November have returned home, and the replacement has not been carried out yet. In view of the situation it is necessary for Japan to reinforce the troops at once, and therefore the War Office has decided to send 1,000 troops from Manchuria immediately and at the same time send 2,500 troops from Japan Proper. The troops sent from Chosen will be sent back after the arrival of the troops from Japan."

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

NO DAMAGE DONE.

Rome, Dec. 27. A message from Terni reports that a short but severe earthquake shock was felt in the evening. There was no damage.

THE ANTI-CHRISTIANS.

CANTON GOVERNMENT ACTS.

In view of an anti-Christian movement on the part of the labour and student unions which was to have come to a head in Canton during Christmas, the Government took extra precautionary measures to cope with any eventuality that might arise in course of the demonstrations. Extra police were called on duty to guard Christian churches, chapels, schools, and the Y.M.C.A., whilst police and Garrison guards were detailed to patrol the streets. Armed motor cars were also ordered out for service.

Although there was a great concourse of students and labourers, Christmas Day passed off quietly, and Christians were able to hold their services and celebrations as usual.

In connection with the foregoing, the Bureau of Public Safety issued a notification on the 21st inst. in the following terms:

"The public is hereby notified that this Bureau has received an instruction from Mr. Wong Chin-wei, Chairman of the Political Bureau, to the following effect:

It was decided by this Bureau at a meeting held some days ago that towards the question of religion, although the Christians and the Anti-Christians might be allowed to indulge in free discussions, and to express their respective opinions, nevertheless they should not be allowed to do such acts as to disturb or to threaten each other by force.

In this connection, letters were written to the Young Men's Section, and the Department of Education, but we have learned that some persons have attempted to hold a demonstration movement on the Christmas days, and to cause disturbances to the various churches. In this way such conduct would in effect disturb the public peace.

You are therefore instructed to reinstruct the troops under your command to patrol and make inspection strictly, and to energetically put a stop to all movements which may lead to disturbance and menaces."

Upon receipt of the above instruction, this Bureau has thought it necessary to take action accordingly, and besides having instructed the various Police Stations to send the police to strictly patrol and stop any movement such as referred to above, from taking place, we have issued this notification.

All citizens are to take note, and to act accordingly without disobedience."

By Order,
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REVOLVER POSSESSION.

RETURNED CHINESE FINED.

An elderly Chinese, who came to the Colony by the President Jefferson on Saturday, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of unlawful possession of a portion of a revolver.

Mr. J. T. Prior defended and pleaded guilty. He made a statement in extenuation to the effect that the defendant brought the revolver with him for his own safety, having heard in America of danger from pirates and armed robberies.

A fine of \$250 was imposed.

GERMAN AIMS.

TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

Berlin, Dec. 26. Herr Stresemann, in the course of an article on the economic situation in Europe, declares the necessity for Germany to become rich again, and especially to "become again an important client of British." He says a selfish policy is impossible for the Reich, and all the men of the State must try interdependence amongst all the countries of Europe.

"HONAM'S" END.

NOTED VESSEL TO BE BROKEN UP.

FINE RECORD.

Flying a fine paying-off pennant provided by the Senior Naval Officer of the West River, the old s.s. Honam, which for over 40 years has been on the Hongkong-Canton river service, came into Hongkong harbour for the last time on Saturday. This fine old boat has had to go the way of all things, and yesterday she was towed to Kowloon Bay, from where she will be taken to a Chinese shipbreaker's yard, for she has been sold for \$20,000 for breaking-up purposes. She came in proudly from her last trip, with paying-off pennant streaming behind, and with the Company's flag up at the mast.

A steel paddle steamer, the old s.s. Honam was built by Messrs. A. and J. Inglis, of Glasgow, as far back as 1882, and had been in regular commission by her owners, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, for over 40 years. Her gross tonnage was 2,462 tons, with net given as 1,399 tons, and registered tonnage as 980 tons. She was 270 feet long, had a beam of 38 feet and was 13.1 feet in depth. The most unique part of the ship was her engines, which were compound, with cylinders 40" and 72" by 10 feet stroke. Her nominal horse-power was 473. Her beam engine, of a type that is no more seen nowadays, was one of the famous pioneer engines of the kind, and was built by Messrs. Inglis. The s.s. Hankow, which was owned and operated by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company until she was burned to the water's edge while lying alongside her wharf at Hongkong many years ago, and the s.s. Kiang Teen, operated in Shanghai by the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, were the other two paddle boats in the Far East of the Honam type, and built by the same builders.

There was a suggestion made some few days ago that the s.s. Honam's engines should be preserved here as a marine engineering relic, but, apparently, the suggestion has so far come to naught.

The vessel, apart from doing special duty several times on the Macao run, has been on the Hongkong-Canton run and has made 13,840 trips, which gives her a mileage run of well over 1,254,000 miles.

THE STRIKE.

MERCHANTS TO VISIT CANTON.

With regard to the question of a settlement of the strike and boycott as between Hongkong and Canton, pourparlers have recently been taking place with the result of bringing discussion of the terms within manageable bounds.

In this connection, a delegation of Hongkong Chinese merchants will shortly join with the Canton Chinese merchants in negotiations with the Strike Committee.

ATHERLEY CASE.

ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY.

Owing to the fact that the Indian murder trial will be extended until Wednesday, the Atherley case, previously fixed to open on this day, has again to be adjourned until after the holidays. The jury called for this case are to note that they will now have to attend on Monday at 10.30 a.m. when the trial opens.

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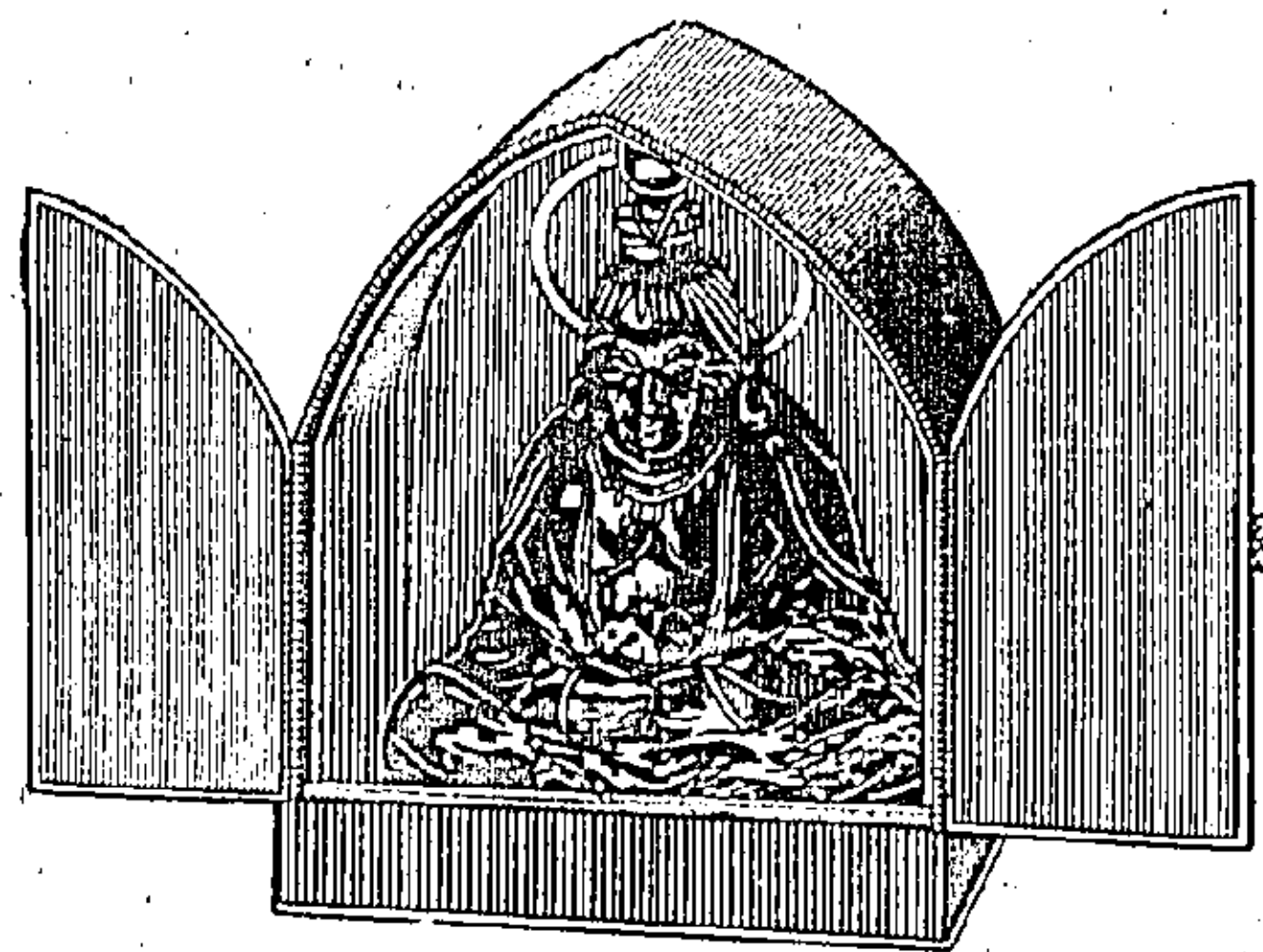
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THE NORTHERN WAR.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S RECOVERY.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.
A Kokusai message from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling was brought to Mukden and executed at 10 o'clock last night.

An Asahi special from Mukden states Kuo's wife was also shot.

The War Office confirms the arrest, but is not yet able to confirm the execution.

Later.

The Foreign Office has received no advice officially of the execution of Kuo Sung-ling and his wife, but the spokesman stated that the Mukden Consul had been instructed to ask for mercy for Kuo, and that Chang agreed to send a messenger to Hsinminfu ordering his life to be preserved, but it was evidently too late.

It is understood that Japan is making further representations for mercy for the minor Kuo Sung-ling generals.

Numerous troops have gone over to Chang.

The Nishi Nishi correspondent Mizuro has disappeared near Hsinminfu. Japan has demanded that Chang Tso-lin investigate the disappearance, which he has agreed to do.

The Foreign Office is extremely pessimistic regarding the turn of affairs in Manchuria, although it is reiterated that Japan is always neutral. The general feeling is that the situation is settled temporarily, but there is fear that Feng and Chang will go to war later.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Troops.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.
Official advices from Mukden state that the commander of the Japanese forces has withdrawn the order prohibiting Chinese troops within the six mile zone, as the situation, it is considered, permits it.

Owing to expense, Baron Hamaguchi has made strong representations for the withdrawing of troops from Mukden, resulting in the War Department announcing its decision to withdraw the Korean garrison contingent before the end of the year, while the remaining reinforcements which were sent from Kurume, will be withdrawn soon after.

The Navy Department announces that the destroyer Suzuki has been ordered to Chinwangtao for the protection of nationals, as Li Ching-lin's defeated troops have withdrawn from the locality.

The Foreign Office states that Chang Tso-lin's troops have not entered Mukden but it is expected he will make a demand soon for permission to re-enter and resume control.

It is stated that Japan will only accede if there is no danger of further fighting.—*Reuter*.

The Tientsin Area.

Tientsin, Dec. 27.
The Kuominchun troops captured Tientsin after severe fighting at the Central Station and in the Hopei district. Three thousand Chihli troops retreated from the station after half an hour's fighting. The Kuominchun advance guard ran along the main street, shooting indiscriminately.

Li Ching-lin left the yamen for the Japanese concession as soon as the Kuominchun soldiers advanced from the station. It was later reported that he had gone to Shanghai down the Tsingpu line, with three trains of crack troops.

The entire Chihli army passed through Tientsin during the morning of the 24th, fully equipped with all their guns. The concessions were heavily guarded by volunteers and allied forces. No attempts were made to force admission,

JAPANESE POLICY IN CHINA.

FRENCH COMMENT ON RECENT ACTIVITIES IN MUKDEN.

Paris, Dec. 27.

That Japanese policy is becoming "increasingly supple" towards the Chinese and Russians is called into attention by *Le Temps* in reviewing the situation in China and pointing out that Moscow has not protested against the action of the Japanese in Mukden.

It says that while no new order of things can be established in the Far East without Japan's active co-operation, yet the new aspect of the Chinese "crisis" brings home to us the grave disadvantages which may ensue from ending the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the effect of which has been to break the close solidarity which united Japan and Europe and to compel the Tokyo Government, for the purpose of ensuring the development of its interests in the Far East, to adapt its action to the *de facto* situation which it is unable to modify.—*Reuter*.

OIL MERGER.

BIG AMERICAN DEAL.

New York, Dec. 25.

The Standard Oil Company of California and the Pacific Oil Company have amalgamated subject to the stockholders confirming the arrangement. The assets total 450 million dollars.—*Reuter's American Service*.

though the Italians guarding the native electric works returned the fire of the soldiers, killing two.

The Kuominchun troops took full possession by the evening of Thursday and the advance guard continued the pursuit of the Chihli troops westward.

This morning it is very quiet and the guards are withdrawing.

The trains to Peking are resuming.—*Reuter*.

Li Ching-lin's Whereabouts.

Peking, Dec. 27.

A mandate appoints Sun Yueh as Tapan and concurrently Civil Governor of the province of Chihli, and Teng Pao-shan as assistant Director of Military affairs of the province.

Railway communication between Peking and Tientsin was resumed yesterday to the extent of one train daily.

Reports are conflicting as to the whereabouts of Li Ching-lin. A Kuominchun communique states he has taken refuge in the Japanese concession at Tientsin, but foreign circles are of opinion that he is concentrating his forces at Machang with a view to linking up with Chang Tsung-chang.—*Reuter*.

Train Fired On.

Peking, Dec. 26.

A wireless message from Tientsin says that the ninth division of troops at Hsinho fired on the international train travelling from Tientsin to Shanhaikuan yesterday. The train was compelled to return to Tientsin.—*Reuter*.

Peking, Dec. 27.

It appears that the train was halted by firing, and a subsequent attempt to proceed was prevented by an armoured train. Disregarding the Japanese commander's protests, the Kuominchun officer boarded the train, which was directed to return to Tientsin immediately to save being fired on. Infantry and an armoured train ranged up, and the train was forced to return. The Senior Minister has protested, requesting that instructions be issued immediately to permit the passage of a further train which is being sent in the near future.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI ENQUIRY.

REPORTS OF JUDGES PUBLISHED.

Peking, Dec. 23.

The Diplomatic Corps to-day published summaries of the reports of the judicial inquiry into the May 30th incident, together with the report of the Diplomatic Commission which proceeded to Shanghai in June, a letter of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Shanghai to the Senior Consul, dated December 21, and similar documents.

The Diplomatic Corps in a preliminary statement, says that as no Chinese witness came forward and the Judges were unable to collect full and sufficient evidence and could not reach a unanimous decision, each submitted his own report.

The summary of Mr. Justice Johnson's report extends to eleven pages and attaches some blame to Mr. McEuen, the Police Commissioner. The British and Japanese judges, on the other hand, attach no blame to the police, Mr. Justice Suga definitely stating that none of the police can be accused of culpable negligence. Mr. McEuen was not responsible for failing to anticipate the disturbance and Inspector Everson's order to fire was justifiable.

The Chairman of the Council's letter to the Consuls states: "The Council, being placed in possession of a summary of the Commission of Enquiry's findings, I have the honour to inform you that notwithstanding that the findings of the majority of the judges exonerate the police from blame, Mr. McEuen and Inspector Everson have tendered their resignations. The Council, preferring, as always, to take action likely to promote a settlement of the question, has accepted the resignations with an expression of appreciation of the meritorious services of these officers in the past. The Council renews its expression of regret at the loss of life on May 30, and as a mark of sympathy for the wounded and relatives of the killed, encloses a cheque of \$75,000 for transmission to the Chinese Foreign Affairs Commissioner for distribution among those concerned as a compassionate grant."—*Reuter*.

FRENCH POLITICS.

THE CABINET'S UNHAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Paris, Dec. 27.

From a political standpoint the Cabinet is certainly not having a happy Christmas. According to some of this morning's papers the Government is tottering on the brink of a financial precipice, which has already engulfed its predecessors. The trouble is apparently due to a divergence over M. Doumer's proposals, the Left Cartellists, headed by M. Painleve, objecting particularly to a proposal to double the existing tax on business turnovers.

Le Journal roundly declares that M. Briand will resign if the majority of the Cabinet turns down M. Doumer's proposals when Christmas day's Cabinet meeting is resumed on the 28th. According to the *Matin*, the Government is at present considering the possibility of presenting a financial programme to Parliament in instalments, whereby the proposals for dealing with the floating debt and balancing the budget will be the first, the remainder including the thorny problem of business turnovers, temporarily held abeyance.—*Reuter*.

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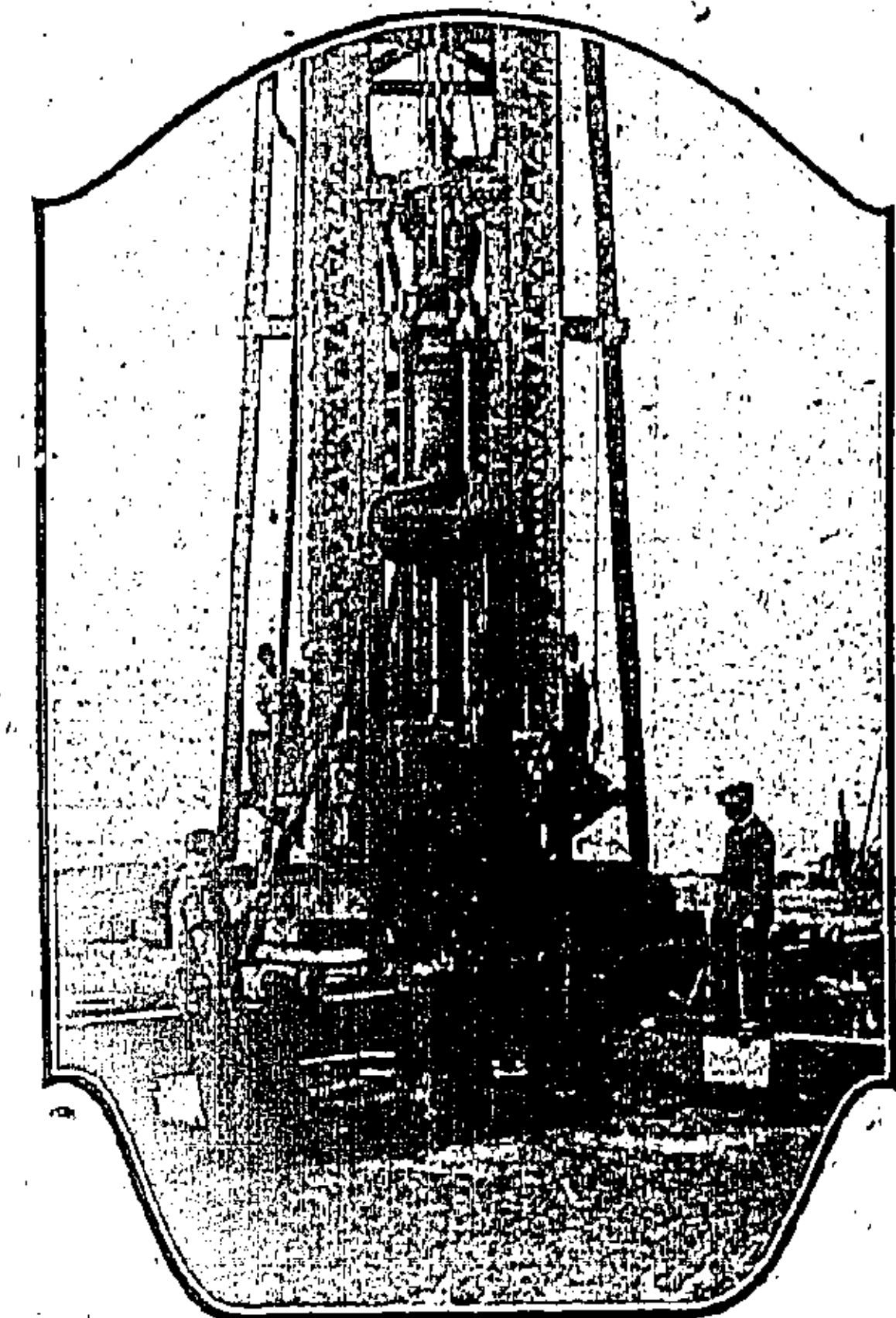
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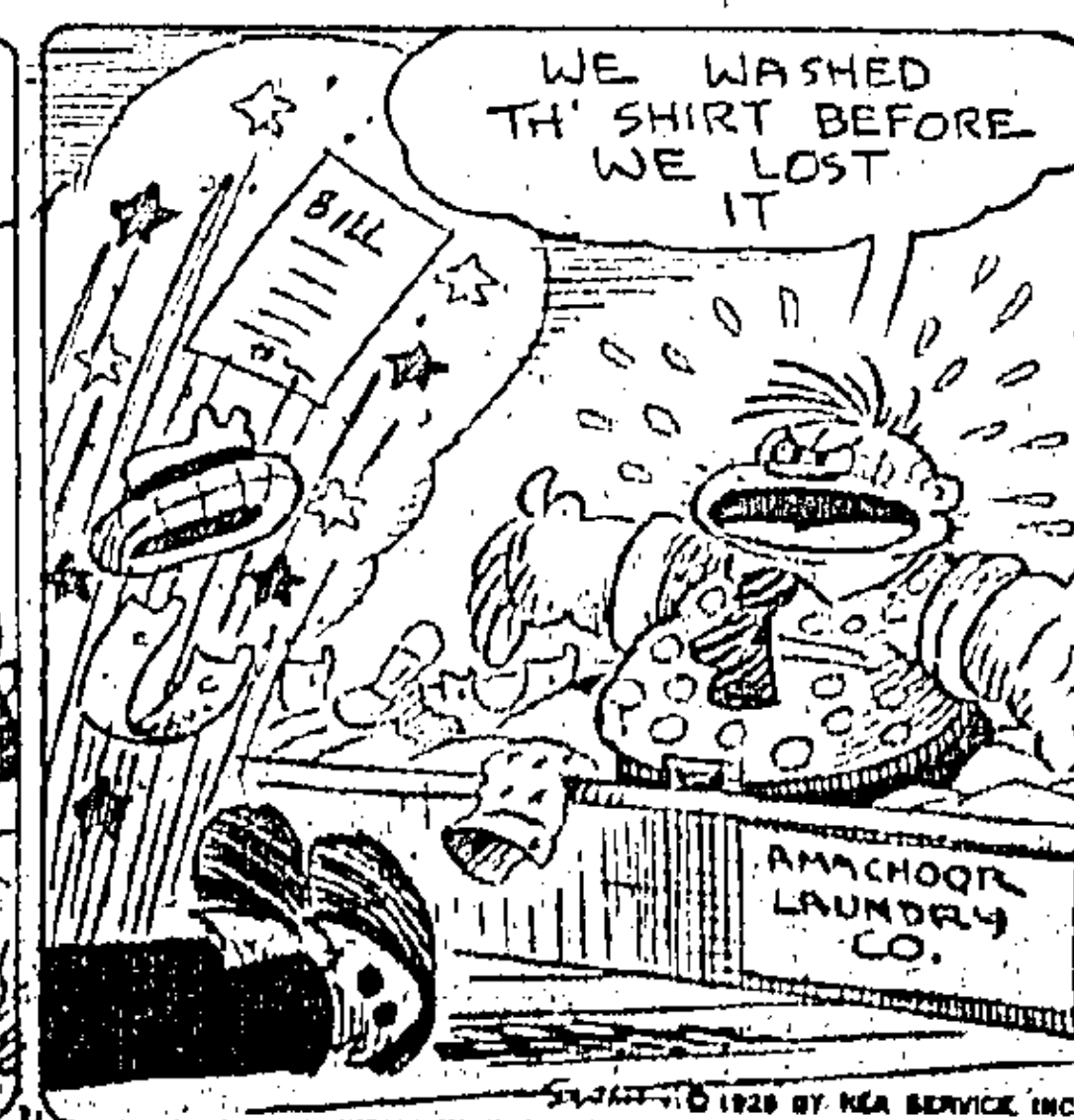
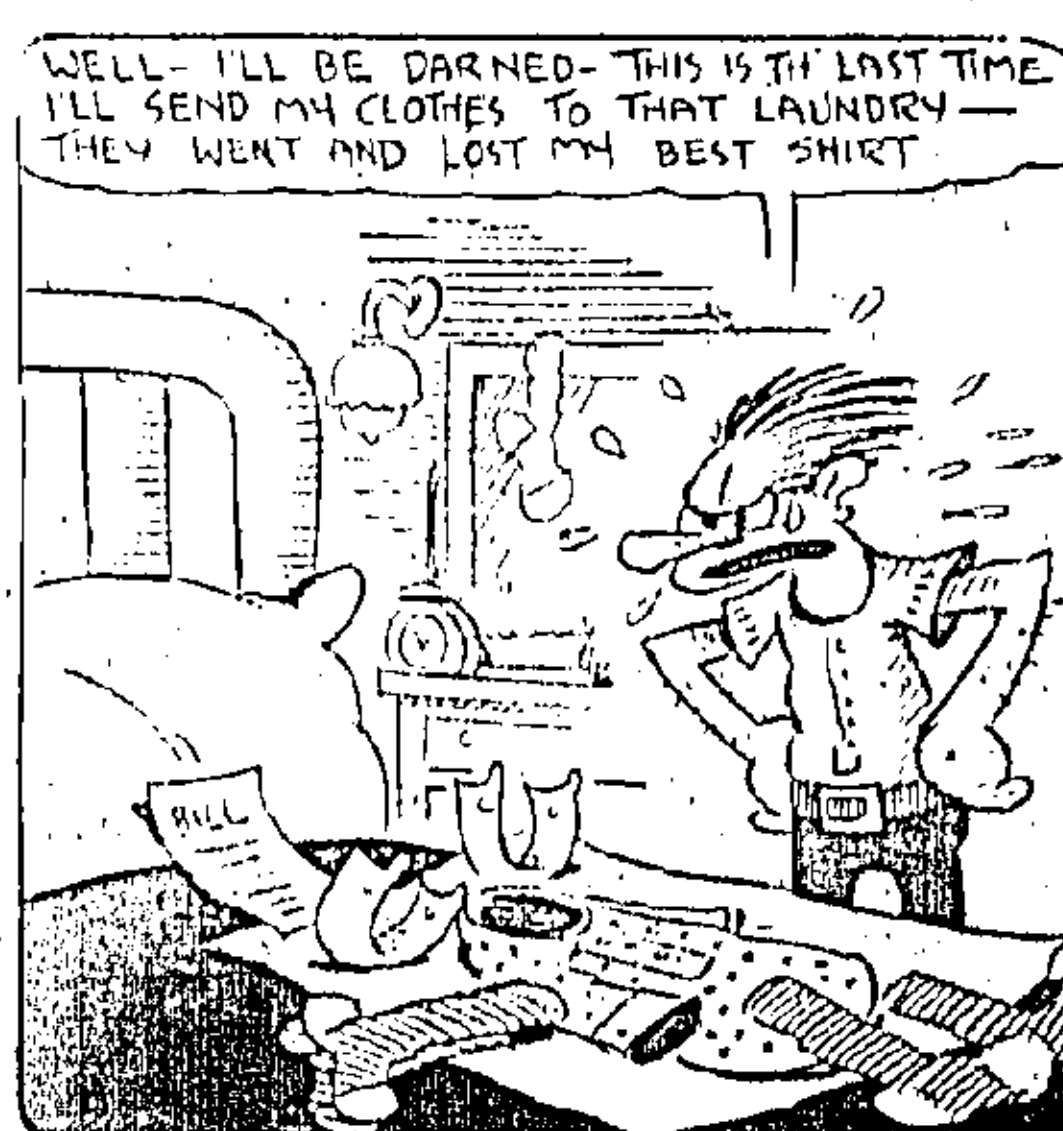


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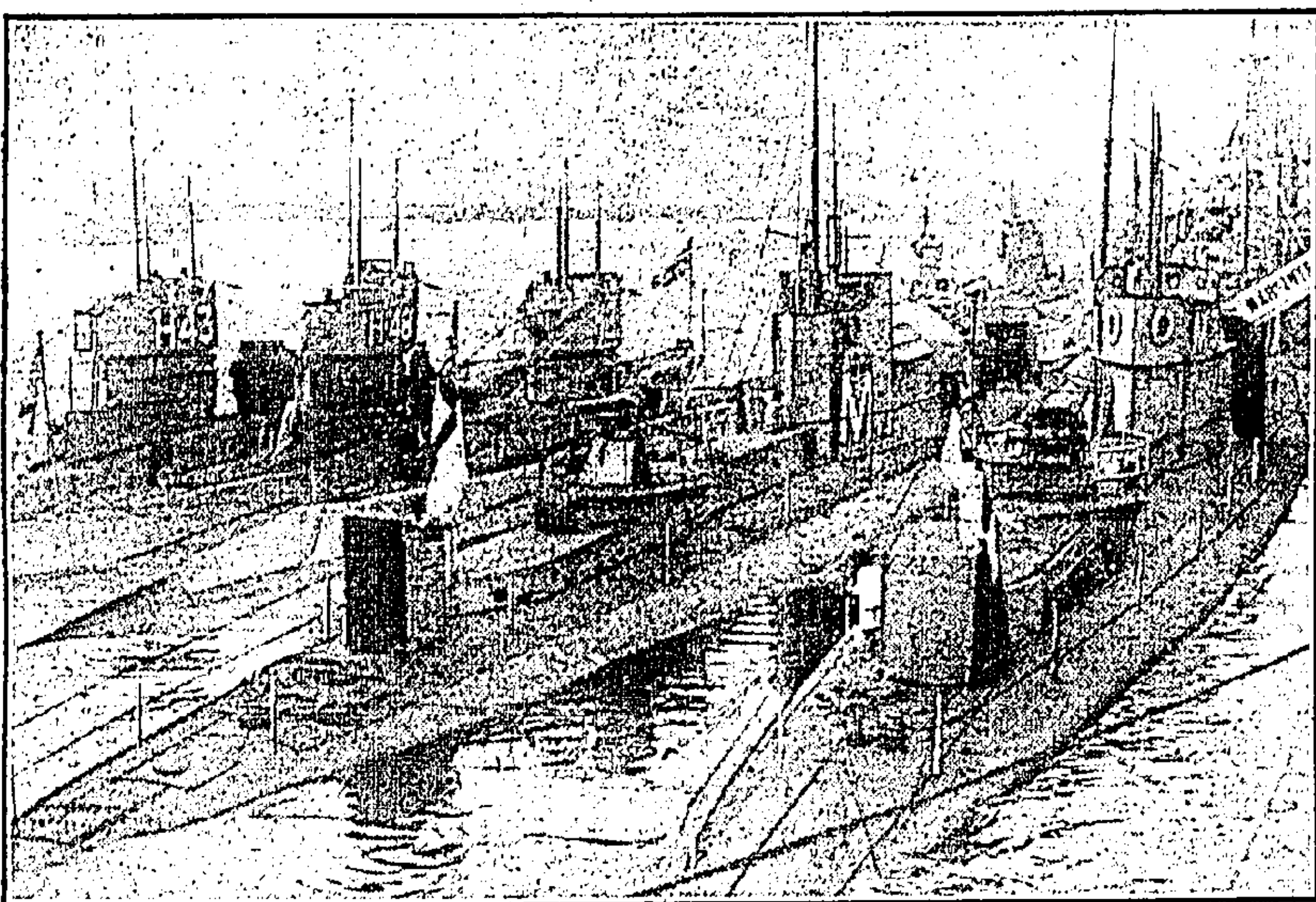


M-1 Memorial Service at Portsmouth.



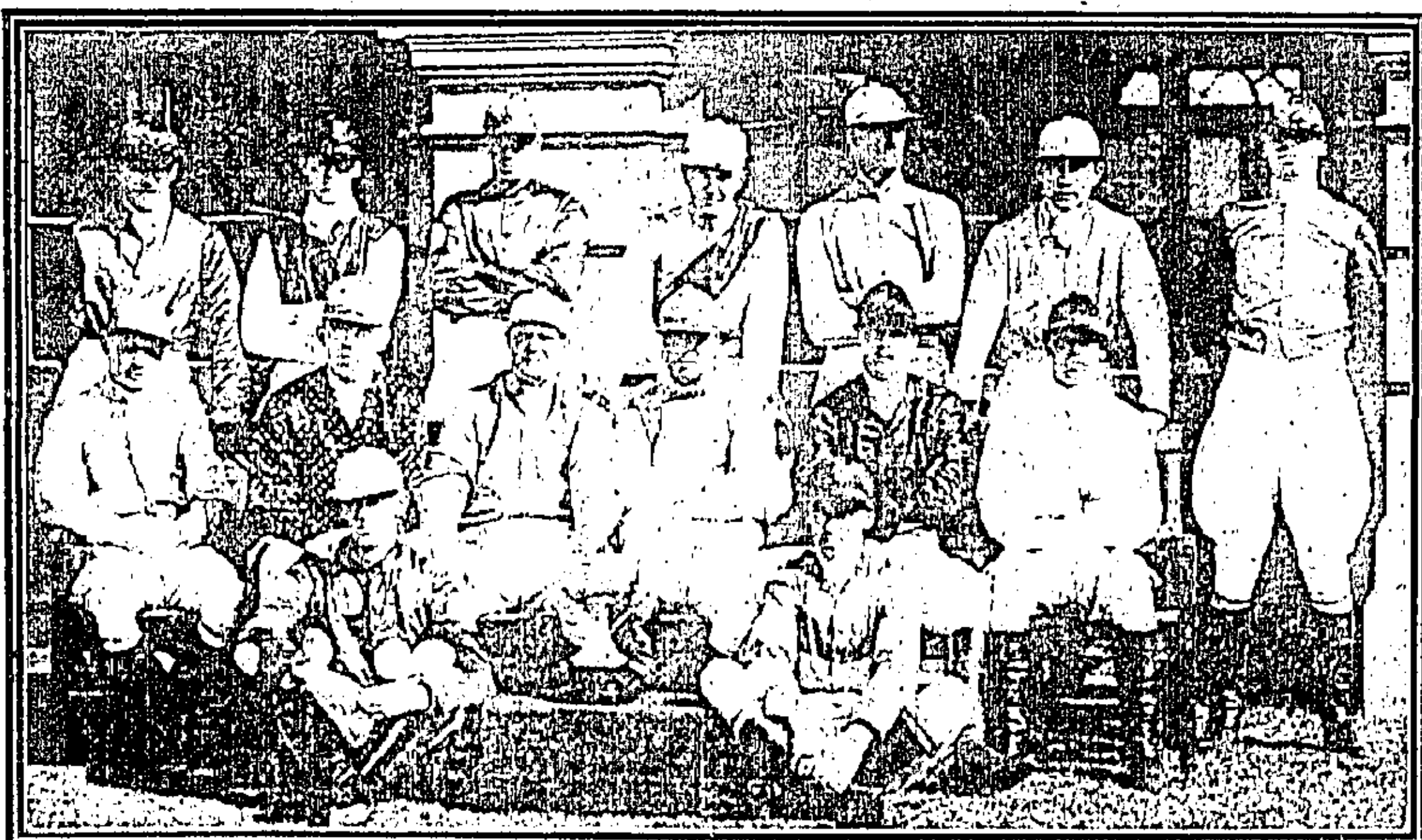
A memorial service for the crew of the M. 1. was held in the Dockyard of St. Anne's at Portsmouth on November 17th. A naval contingent is shown on its way to the ceremony. The Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle, was present. ("Times" copyright photograph).

The Ill-Fated Submarine.



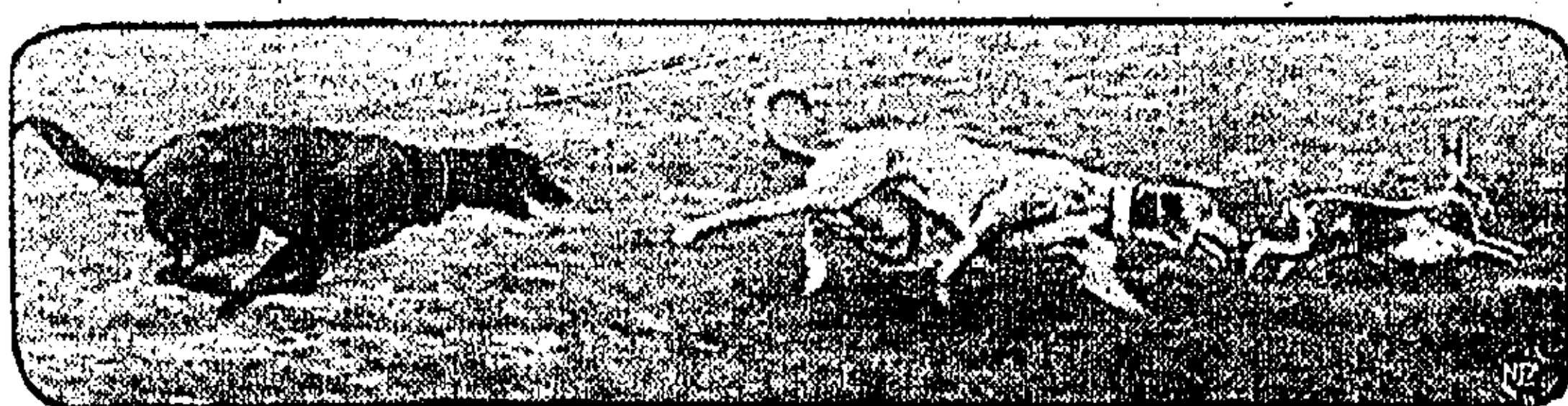
The submarine M-1 is here seen at Antwerp with the Fifth Submarine Flotilla during the visit at the beginning of October. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Jockeys in the Ewo Handicap.



Jockeys riding in the Ewo Handicap must all be employees of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. The above photograph shows the group who rode in the recent race, which was won by Mr. A. N. Dallas on Greenland, with Battletree, Mr. Craddock up, second, and Standlight, ridden by Mr. Heard, third.

Greyhounds in Coursing Match.



This photograph, taken at the centenary meeting of the Alcar Coursing Club, held near Liverpool, shows two of the hounds about to run down a hare. Just after the camera clicked the dogs caught up with their prey.

Caught 'Em.



Miss Rita Jarris, 18-year-old daughter of a farmer living near Memphis, Tenn., won a \$1,000 reward for the capture of three bank robbers. She discovered them hiding on her father's farm and led a posse to the spot.

Girls at Hockey.



A lively bit of action as girls of the New York University and the Savage School teams mix it up in a game of hockey in Central Park, New York.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held in the Hall of Queen's College on Wednesday, the 30th of December, 1925 at 5.30 p.m. for the following purpose:—

1. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution that the financial year of the Association shall extend from 1st of January to 31st of December in each year, and to amend Rule 4 of the Constitution accordingly.

Notice is also given that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held immediately after the Extraordinary General Meeting referred to above for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the General Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th November, 1925.
2. To elect the Officials for the year 1925-1926.
3. To transact any other business.

By Order of the General Committee.

C. G. ANDERSON,
Honorary Secretary,
c/o Little, Adams & Wood,
Hongkong, December 23, 1925.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture, will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. with a view to deciding whether the annual flower show should be held next year or not.

It is hoped that a good number will be present. All Ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

E. B. C. HORNEILL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1925.

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A Special Dinner Dance
(8 p.m. to 12 midnight)
to be held on

New Year's Eve
at the

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on **TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925**, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 25th December, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

Mrs. J. CRAWFORD,
Massage Hall
No. 14, Zetland Street.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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1 Cottage Piano by "Brinsmead and Sons."

2 Perambulators.

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1 Enamelled Bath.

1 Indian Motorcycle and Sidecar.

1 Indian Motorcycle.

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Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on **WEDNESDAY**,

the 30th December, 1925, at 3.30 p.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Steam Launch "WING FAT" with all her Appurtenances and Gear as she now lies off the San Yick Godown Wharf, Mongkok.

Length:—about 71 feet.

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1, Des Voeux Road, Central,

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Messrs. LAMMERT BROS.,

The Auctioneers,

Duddell Street,

Hongkong, Dec. 25, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Wing Yue Tsung to sell by Public Auction for account of Messrs. Him Yuen Cheung Kee on

Wednesday, the 30th December 1925 at 11.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell St., 200 New Tins "FONG TSZE" Oil.

(The Goods are now stored in Messrs. Wing Yue Tsung's Godown, No. 402, Des Voeux Rd., W.)

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Messrs. LAMMERT BROTHERS Auctioneers

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on **MONDAY**,

the 4th January, 1926, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the China Auction Rooms, 4 Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property

situate at Victoria aforesaid and being The Remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 1556 and The Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 1557

In One Lot.

The property comprises the messuages shops or dwelling houses known as No. 244 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central and contains an area of 1582 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

Messrs. DEACONS,

1 Des Voeux Road Central

Vendor's Solicitors, or

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

The Auctioneer,

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

of the

Valuable Leasehold Properties

Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,

and known as

Section H of Inland Lot No. 151 and Section D of Inland

Lot No. 152A.

Together with the messuages erections and buildings thereon known as Nos. 9 and 11, Prince's Terrace,

To Be Sold

In One Lot

by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on **TUESDAY**,

the 12th day of January, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the China Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

by

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA.

The properties consist of:—

All those pieces or parcels of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as Section H of Inland Lot No. 151 and Section D of Inland Lot No. 152A with the messuages erections and buildings thereon known as Nos. 9 and 11, Prince's Terrace, Victoria, Hongkong. The properties are held for the unexpired residues of the respective terms of 924 years from the 22nd day of January, 1919, and 999 years from the 25th day of June, 1849, created by an Indenture of Extension dated the 3rd day of November, 1849, and made between Her late Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part and Abraham Joseph Burley of the other part, and by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 1st day of November, 1849, and made between Her late Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part and the said Abraham Burley of the other part, respectively. Annual Crown Rent \$9.50 and cents 28 respectively.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to:—

Messrs. JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER,

Mortgagee's Solicitors,

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MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

The Auctioneer,

Hongkong, December 24, 1925.

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NEW KOWLOON

and known as New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 777 and 475 together with the Dwelling Houses thereon known as No. 106 and 108 Kowloon Tong

by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

THURSDAY,

December 31, 1925, at 3 p.m. at their Sales Rooms, 4B Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong,

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The Auctioneering & Brokering Co., Ltd.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1925.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 16th Jan., 1926 or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd Jan., 1926 at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Agents,

Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1925.

A correspondent writes to the Times on the misspelling of English in quarters which should know better. His first instance relates to a miniature rifle range to be seen at the back of Wellington Barracks from Buckingham-gate. He says that a year ago he wrote to the War Office pointing out a mistake in the spelling of the word "miniature," which was spelt with one "i" instead of two. The usual reply came saying the matter should receive attention, but the mistake has not been corrected. The correspondent sometimes wonders what foreigners must think of the way some of us English spell. Not very long ago, he goes on, he pointed out to the stationmaster at Waterloo no fewer than three mistakes in spelling on a blackboard announcing the arrival of the Olympic at Southampton. Indeed, railway authorities often show a magnificent superiority to spelling and cognate details. The Underground Railway, for instance, recognizes neither tradition nor authority in its dealing with "St. James's Park".

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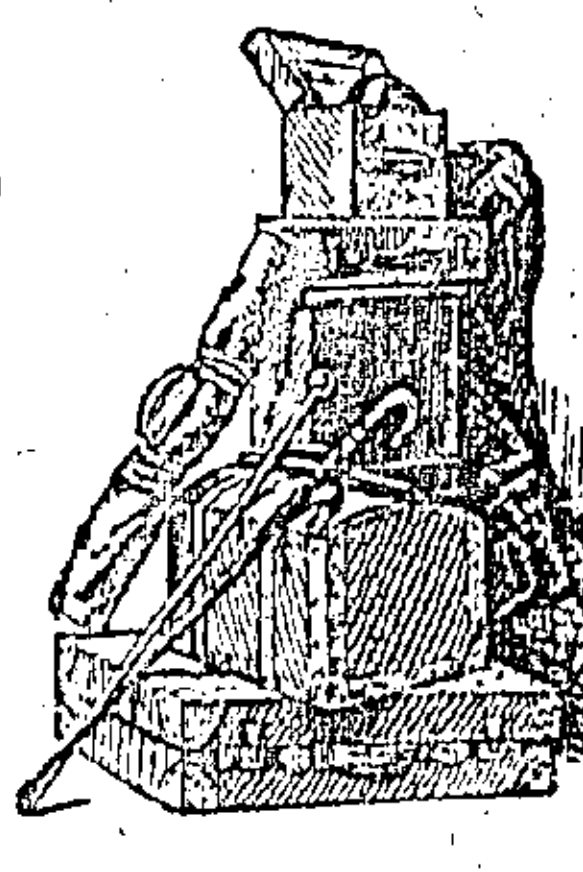
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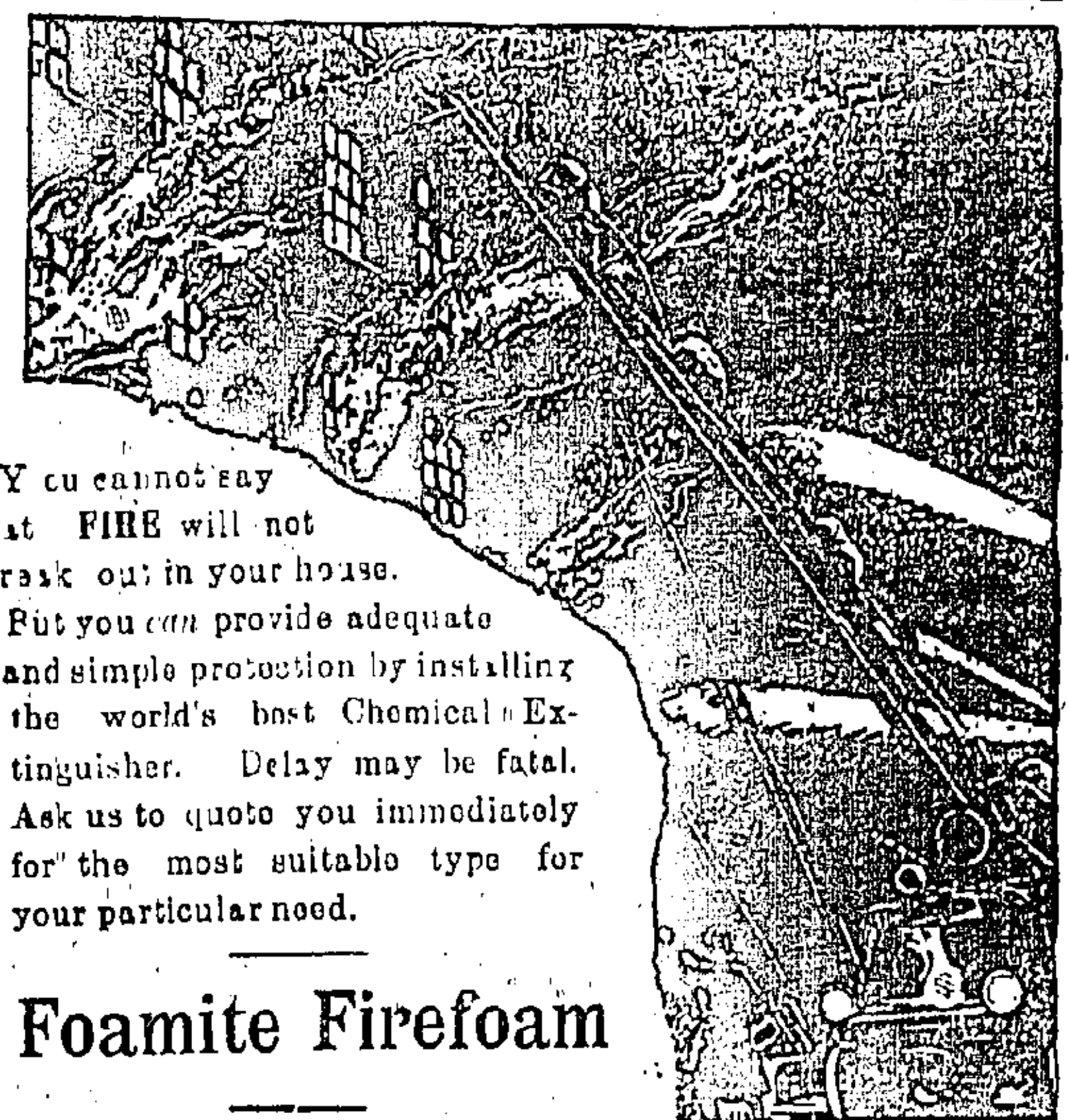
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CLUB DEFEAT ARMY IN TWO DAY MATCH.

The two day cricket match, played on Friday and Saturday between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army in the annual triangular series, resulted in a win for the Club. The game ended fifteen minutes before the time came for stumps to be drawn, the Club winning by seven wickets.

Army—1st Innings.

Capt. Armstrong, b Bowker	0
C.O.M.S. Stripp, not out	01
Capt. Morris, c Stewart, b Bowker	0
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Major Pollard, b Bowker	0
Lt. Smith, c Pearce, b Bowker	0
Lt. Childs, c Stewart, b Bowker	0
Lt. Col. Edmunds, b Bowker	0
Spr. Goodver, c & b Lammert	0
Lt. Col. T. A. Robertson, c Owen	1
Hughes, b Bowker	0
Capt. Allfree, b Bowker	0
Extras	8

Club—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, b Goodver	65
G. R. Sayer, b Goodver	11
E. J. R. Mitchell, c & b Morris	11
E. F. Stewart, b Lammert	4
H. Owen Hughes, b Pollard	4
T. E. Pearce, b Smith	46
R. Hattersley, not out	46
R. J. de Rome, b Goodver	1
A. C. I. Bowker, b Smith	1
G. Lammert, b Goodver	1
E. B. Reed, c Edmunds, b Pollard	20
Extras	20

Club—2nd Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—2nd Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—3rd Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—4th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—4th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—5th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—5th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—6th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—6th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—7th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—7th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—8th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—8th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Army—9th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

Club—9th Innings.

C.O.M.S. Stripp, c Owen Hughes	20
b Bowker	0
Capt. Armstrong, c Sayer, b Reed	30
Major Hattersley Smith, b Bowker	0
Capt. Morris, c Bowker, b Reed	0
Capt. Allfree, run out	0
Major Pollard, run out	1
Lt. Smith, c Sayer, b Bowker	23
Spr. Goodver, b Lammert	1
Lt. Col. Edmunds, not out	23
Lt. Col. Robertson, c Mitchell, b	0
Reed	0
Lt. Childs, b Reed	0
Extras	2

INTERPORT RUGGER.

SHANGHAI'S NARROW WIN.

Hongkong Play To-day.

In the Rugby interport between Shanghai, Hongkong and Keio University, the first and the last named played to-day, Shanghai winning by 13 points to 12.

Hongkong will play Shanghai to-day and on Wednesday will meet Keio University.

CHINA STATION.

LATEST APPOINTMENTS.

Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Garvey has been appointed to the command of the Woodcock, one of the river gunboats in China, in which Lieutenant-Commander C. G. P. Jones has completed two years. Lieutenant-Commander Garvey last served in command of the Anti-Gas School at Chatham and as Superintendent of Anti-Gas training and was formerly in the battleship Royal Oak.

In the latter part of the war he was in command of the destroyers Grampus and Napier. On return from China with the relieved crew of H. M. S. Carlisle, the Weymouth, Captain H. H. Rogers, M. V. O. O. B. E., is to proceed to Devonport, and after discharging the relieved ratings to their depots, to reduce to reserve as tender to the Thunderer.

Approval has been given for motor launches Nos. 307 and 519, which were sent to China about a year ago for service on the Yangtze, and have been paid off for some time, to be sold in China.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.	
Guest	8 1 39 0
Jacob	13.2 1 52 3
Bradbury	7 0 19 3
Fletcher	6 0 30 4

Married.

O. M. R. W.	
G. Hyder, c Modi, b Hamson	7
B. W. Bradbury, c Modi, b Hamson	5
T. Grimes, c Pinnu, b Hamson	1
W. Guest, c and b Hamson	1
J. C. Fletcher, b Hamson	0
T. Young, b Hamson	0
E. McLeod, not out	1
A. E. Phillips, c Clow, b Fincher	0
E. of Arculi, c Pinnu, b Fincher	0
Extras	11

Total

O. M. R. W.	
Fincher	9.4 1 35 4
Dixon	2 0 15 0
Hamson	12 0 49 7
Westlake	3.1 0 12 0
Pinnu	2 0 14 0

H.K. Electric Co.

A match played on the Indian Recreation Club ground between the European Staff and the Local Staff of the Hongkong Electric Co. ended in a win for the latter by 31 runs. The European Staff scored 92, Way being the top scorer with 36, while the Locals totalled 123, Minu scoring 38 before he retired.

Kowloon C. C. v R. A. and R. E. The Kowloon Cricket Club entertained a team representing the R. A. and R. E. in an all-day match on the Kowloon C. C. ground on Boxing day. The visitors batted first and thanks to a fine half-century innings by Lieut. Hall, knocked out the respectable score of 153.

Kowloon started badly, losing their first five wickets with only 50 on the board. Goodwin and Ramsey, however, put a different complexion on the game both hitting out with delightful freedom. When the latter left with 44 to his credit, Kowloon were within measurable distance of their opponents' total and eventually went on to win by 28 runs, Goodwin being not out with 70 to his credit. Kowloon scored 181.

CIVIL SERVICE CLUB.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Presentation of Sports Prizes.

It was Children's Day on Saturday at the Civil Service Club, and the festive spirit was greatly in evidence. The ground was suitably decorated with the usual Christmas tree, and the programme of events provided a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's sport.

One of the most novel features was a treasure hunt, in which the prizes were hidden in a patch of ground, and were awarded to the young competitors who placed flags nearest the treasure. At the conclusion of the sports the tennis and bowls prizes were presented. They were handed over by Mrs. J. R. Wood, who was the recipient of a bouquet in a silver holder.

Mr. Justice Wood returned thanks for the honour the Club had paid to Mrs. Wood in asking her to present the prizes. He congratulated them on the success of their efforts during the year, and paid a tribute to the help rendered by Mesdames Maughan, Hollidge and Edmunds.

The prize winners were: Lawn Bowls. Club Championship—1, A. H. Os- wick; 2, L. Whant. Handicap Singles—1, A. S. Mill; 2, (prize presented by Wing Nam); 17, Stanley.

Handicap Doubles—1, A. Grim- mitt and J. T. Harris; 2, (prizes pre- sented by the Wing On Co.); R. A. Smith and P. Knash. Novices Competition—1, (prize presented by Mr. R. Duncan), B. E. Maughan; 2, G. Gipson.

Drawing Competition—(Prize pre- sented by Mr. A. Mill), A. H. Os- wick. Tennis. Club Championship—E. C. Fin- cher; Dr. Valentine (runner-up).

Mixed Doubles—Mr. and Mrs. Old- man; Mr. Grimmit and Mrs. Beardsall (runners-up). Girls' Singles "A" Class—1, Bradley; 2, Sheppard (runner- up).

Girls' Singles "B" Class—1, R. White; A. H. Os- wick (runner-up). Children's Events. Treasure Hunt—1, Gladys Grim- mitt; 2, Nova Booker; 3, Winifred Grimmit; 4, Walter Pryde.

Girls, 6 to 8—1, Eva Hill; 2, Flo Grimmit. Boys, 6 to 8—1, Neville Booker; 2, Leslie Millington.

Girls, 8 to 10—1, Helen Grimmit; 2, Rosie Murphy. Boys, 8 to 10—1, Reggie Wood; 2, Ray White.

Tiny Tots—1, P. Edmondson; 2, Marian Booker; 3, June Booker; 4, Patsy Gipson.

The success of the gathering was due to the work of Messrs. R. S. Vergette (Secretary), B. E. Maughan (Treasurer), R. R. Wood, H. F. Strange, J. Deakin, W. H. Ed- mondson, and W. Longbottom (mem- bers of the Committee) and ladies.

The Bert Burroughs Concert party, Mr. Aslett (conjurer), Mr. Jones (entertainer with monkey), and Mr. Murphy (patter) and Bar- ney's Band added to the enjoy- ment of the gathering.

PAPER CHASING.

LADY WINS BOXING DAY EVENT.

At Quanti on Boxing Day there was a representative attendance of local sportsmen to witness the first paper chase hunt held under the auspices of the Fanning Hounds. The course was just over nine miles and the chase attracted 17 entries, of which 15 finished.

The official order of finishing was:—(1) Mrs. Bower (Lieut. Com- Sprague's grey pony).

(2) Mr. W. T. Stanton ("Solly") (3) Mr. G. W. Charles ("Drake") (4) Mr. T. Reidy ("Nugget")

Mr. Bartholomew, on "New York," was first home, but he missed two fences and was therefore disquali- fied.

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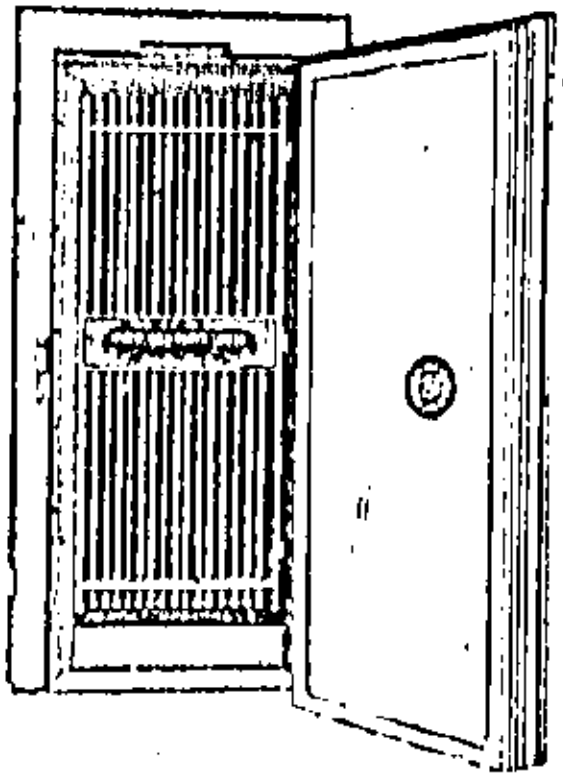
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DEATHS.

JEFFREY.—Albert Gustavus, Vice-President of British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd., whilst at sea.

LANGENBERG.—At her residence, No. 8, Lochiel Terrace, Kowloon, at 1.30 a.m. on the 25th December, Mrs. Anna van Langenberg. Aged 52 (Shanghai, Singapore and Colombo papers please copy).

The Telegraph

MONDAY, DEC. 28, 1925.

THE NORTHERN
SITUATION.

One of the most dramatic episodes in the history of Chinese civil war has been the recovery of Marshal Chang Tso-lin after he had almost been eliminated from the picture, and his supporters had begun to despair of his chances. The latest news confirms the capture and execution of the man who turned against him, General Kuo Sung-ling, and thus a large body of troops who had followed the rebel commander are likely to return to Chang's camp. The Marshal is recorded to have stated a few months ago that he had the finest troops in China, and with their recent experience of warfare as it is fought in modern times, he certainly should be able to count on a following of experienced and well-trained forces. His star, indeed, might be in the ascendant. And that brings us to a consideration of the possibilities that might develop in the north, of a distinctly different nature to what promised only a week ago. In attempting to forecast events, the first difficulty is to assess Chang's definite policy. It is known that he is not anti-foreign, and his enemies have their own explanation for this. He is, or has been, friendly towards Japan, and is opposed to Sovietisation of his country. This definitely removes one menace which his threatened defeat gave rise to recently. For Japan there remains the problem of deciding whether she can safely leave the Manchurian forces to keep order in the country, and apparently it has been decided at Tokyo to withdraw the Japanese reinforcements gradually whilst Chang resumes full control. Thus we should come within the next few weeks to a position in Manchuria almost identical with

what it was up to the day of Kuo Sung-ling's defection.

But the grave issues in North China are by no means lessened. Just as dramatically as Chang Tso-lin recovered his position as the Mukden war-lord, so has General Feng Yu-hsiang gained a series of victories culminating in his capture of Tientsin. He is now in command of the sector near Peking, at the head of the Kuomintang, or allied, troops, and they form the other of the two big, properly trained and equipped armies of modern China. Feng's intention appears to be friendly towards the present head of the Government in Peking, and it would seem that he wishes to place it on a firmer footing, probably with himself as a factor in matters of Chinese policy. If he can raise the status of the Peking regime to that of a really effective central authority, he will deserve the thanks of the country, for it is Peking alone that has official recognition abroad. However, there is now the interesting question of Chang Tso-lin, flushed with recent victory, seemingly equally desirous of bringing about the unity of the whole of China. Whether a series of wasteful civil wars can attain that end is open to much question, but observers can only hope that out of all the chaos some ultimate good will be produced. For the present there is the possibility, translated into a probability by at least one Japanese commentator, of a clash between Feng and Chang. That would be indeed a calamity, for it would entail large casualties, endless misery, and in the long run a further crop of wars, as none of the other military commanders in the country, adherents of one side or the other, would permit one man to be at the head of affairs through force of arms. Thus the present situation is ripe with serious possibilities, and the anxiety of the Powers whose interests in the country are considerable is by no means lessened. Two big storms have broken, and there is a brief lull, but the clouds still hang menacingly in the sky, and opposing gusts might shortly roll them together to result in a deluge the like of which the country has never experienced before.

Deserved Promotion.

The gratification which the community generally will feel at the deserved promotion of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, by his appointment to the Colonial Secretaryship of Ceylon, will be tinged with regret, in view of the present juncture of affairs, at the fact that his departure from the Colony is to take place so soon. In any event, what is Ceylon's gain is Hongkong's loss, but just now, when Mr. Fletcher has been earnestly engaged in working for a better understanding with Canton, his early removal is all the more to be regretted. Indeed, we wish that his departure for Colombo could be postponed until the present misunderstandings are finally cleared up. The position to which Mr. Fletcher is appointed is regarded as the plum of Crown Colony appointments—that is, apart from a Governorship, to which, however, it is a direct stepping-stone. For close on a quarter of a century, Mr. Fletcher has served Hongkong, and his value to the Colony has increased as the years have passed by, until to-day it is not too much to say that he is the outstanding Civil Servant of the Colony. He came to Hongkong in 1902, just two years after Mr. Clementi's arrival here, and he now goes to fill the vacancy caused by the latter's recent appointment as Governor of Hongkong. During his lengthy residence here, Mr. Fletcher has filled numerous posts, but he will always be remembered best for his work at the Colonial Secretariat, which has occupied the greater part of his career. Those who have carefully watched his rise in the service have long since realised

DAY BY DAY.

IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD A JUNTA HAS NEVER WON. YOU WANT ONE MAN!—Lord Fisher.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

A case of measles was reported by the S.S. Khybor on her arrival in port.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the P. & O. s.s. Khybor were Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. and Miss Fleming, and Mr. P. C. Potts.

The Imperial Household in Tokyo has announced that Princess Shigeko Teru is the name given to the first daughter of the Crown Prince and Princess.

A derelict junk in Latitude 25-11 N., Longitude 119-54 E., is reported by the master of the s.s. Chusan. The junk has her masts and a portion of the poop visible.

The death of a Chinese steerage passenger on the President Wilson is reported by the master. Death was due, it is stated, to tuberculosis. The man was 35 years of age.

The Sanitary Board, at to-morrow's meeting, will consider a minute by the President on the subject of a petition from the representatives of the market fish stall-holders.

Passengers departing by the P. & O. s.s. Kashgar on Saturday included Capt. and Mrs. C. H. D. O'Callaghan, Lieut. Gen. Sir Charles Dobell, Lady Dobell, Dr. J. B. Addison and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie.

Vessels steaming in the Yellow Sea about December 23rd experienced very weather, several vessels, including the Chusen from Tsingtau, the Kawachi Maru from Moji, and the President Wilson, reporting a severe gale from the north-west.

The Observatory reports that the monsoon will freshen along the east coast of China, but remain light to moderate over the China Sea. The forecast for to-morrow is:—Light, variable winds, with fine weather at first, moderate N.E. winds, with drizzle or mist later.

Newly built by the Taikoo Dock for the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, the s.s. Taishan was out this morning on her builders' trial. She will be the biggest vessel in the river service. She presented a fine picture as she steamed down Harbour to-day.

Tsang Po, aged 56, of 261, Hollywood Road, who was taken to hospital suffering from injuries on the arms, legs, and body, caused through being accidentally knocked down in Queen's Road West, near the Ko Shing Theatre, by a motor truck, owned by Cheung Shun, 6, Lee Yuen Street, died at 1.30 this morning.

A great deal of excitement was caused in Ice House Street about two o'clock this afternoon, when a big piece broke away from the cornice under the roof eaves of the King Edward Hotel, and fell into the crowded street, narrowly missing a European passerby, who was struck on the foot by a fragment of stone. The lumps of brick and plaster smashed an electric street lamp in its fall, and broke into innumerable pieces when it struck the road.

that he was bound to go far, for he has displayed in a marked degree those abilities which spell success in administrative office. A man with an amazing grasp of detail, endowed with a highly retentive memory, enabling him to keep track of the most complicated issues; a prodigious worker, with the diplomatic instinct developed to the full—he has proved an invaluable asset to successive Governors. His clarity of thought and readiness in speech have also often been demonstrated in the Budget discussions in the Council Chamber. The promotion he has now won has been thoroughly earned, and in our regret at his coming departure we can only hope that in course of time he will come back in an even higher position to the Colony which he has served so well.

ARMY'S BADGE OF GRIEF.



The Royal Colours draped with black, at St. James' Palace in memory of Queen Alexandra.

THIS AFTERNOON'S
WEDDING.WELL-KNOWN CHINESE
MARRIED.

A pretty wedding, in which the parties were from Chinese families well known in the Colony, took place this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral, when Miss Phyllis Grace Jan was married to Mr. Shui-pun Preston Wong. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., and he was assisted by the Rev. T. B. Powell, M.A., the Cathedral Chaplain. The service was a choral one, Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., being at the organ. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jan See-chin, of Lau Tan, Heung Shan, and formerly of Cairns, North Queensland, and the bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Wong Yuen-hing of 74, Peel Street, Hongkong. Charming in a dress of white brocade charmeuse trimmed with white tulle, with an embroidered tulle veil and silver brocade shoes, and carrying a bouquet of white roses and maiden-hair ferns, the bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her sister Norma as bridesmaid and two other sisters, Irene and Dorothy, as flower-girls. The bridesmaid wore a blue crepe-de-chine dress with silver lace trimming and a hat to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses; whilst the flower-girls were dressed in pale pink satin with hats to match. The bride's mother wore a navy crepe-de-chine dress trimmed with silver vieux rose, with hat to match. The duties of best-man were performed by Mr. Tso Tsun-on. Following the ceremony, there was an adjournment to the King Edward Hotel for the reception, where a large gathering tendered their best wishes to the newly-married couple, who leave later for Shatin Gap bungalow, for their honeymoon, the bride's going-away dress being of navy serge with oriental embroidery, and hat to match.

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TURKEY & RUSSIA.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

Paris, Dec. 24. Commenting on the Turco-Russian Agreement, the *Petit Journal* says that Turkey is very imprudent to conclude a neutrality pact with Russia, because she risks being absorbed by the Russians. Reduced to her own resources and deprived of the tradition of religious cohesion, she will ere long have simply a nominal independence. "Pettinax," writing in the *Echo de Paris*, attributes the Soviet-Turco rapprochement to common hatred of the League of Nations. L'Ouvre asks if the Agreement does not contain secret clauses. L'Esclat, considers that the Treaty is aimed chiefly against Britain.—*Indopacific*.

RUSSIAN WOMEN
CHARGED.

ALLEGED THEFT OF SATIN.

After being remanded twice, the two Russian women, Daria Sramoloff, and Tamara Loskooloff, who are charged with stealing four rolls of satin, valued at \$475 from the Wing On Company on December 22nd, again appeared at the Central Police Court this morning, when the case was proceeded with. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendants.

The manager of the piece goods department at the Wing On Co., stated that at 5 p.m. the two defendants entered the shop to buy some black satin. They bought twelve inches, for which they paid the sum of \$2.16. They both asked to be shown some satin, the same colour as a coat which one of them was wearing. Witness went away to look for the satin, but could not find it, and when he returned he sent a foki, who had given the defendants change for their purchase, to find the satin. He glanced at the show case, and it appeared to him as though there were some rolls missing. He then looked at the defendants, and noticed that one of them was holding her coat tightly about her, and that the coat was bulging. The foki returned with the satin they had asked to see, but they were not satisfied, and walked away. Witness followed them to another part of the premises, and one defendant, becoming frightened, turned back, and, taking a roll of silk from under her coat, placed it on a table. She then walked about two paces to a verandah, and witness then noticed that the ends of three other rolls were protruding from her coat.

Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, witness said it was not true that the defendants were looking at silk in the shop for about a quarter of an hour. They did not buy anything, except the twelve inches of satin. There was an exit from the verandah. The defendants did not take the satin to a window to examine it. He denied that he grew impatient and swore at them. Asked if he or the defendants lost their temper, he said that one of them lost their temper. The case is proceeding.

KWANGTUNG BANDITS.

GOVERNMENT TAKES
ACTION.

The Canton Government, in view of the frequency of brigandage in the province, has issued orders to all commanders, making them responsible for banditry committed within the areas of their control.

The order says that if three outrages are committed consecutively, without the bandits being brought to justice, all officers within the affected area will be dismissed from the service.

PROMOTION FOR
HON. MR. FLETCHER.COLONIAL SECRETARY OF
CEYLON.

On the eve of the Christmas holidays, official news was received by the Hongkong Government that the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., had been appointed as Colonial Secretary of Ceylon—the post just vacated by His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G. Apart from a very limited circle, the news was kept an official secret until yesterday when it was allowed to be generally known, and Mr. Fletcher has since been the recipient of very many hearty congratulations upon his appointment to this important post—the senior Colonial Secretary of all the Crown Colonies—which carries with it the salary of £2,400.



Ever since Mr. Fletcher entered the Colonial service in 1901—22 years ago—he has served in Hongkong, and during that time he has earned the admiration and respect of the whole community, both foreign and Chinese alike. Although there will be very real pleasure felt at his departure, it is a genuine regret that this Colony is losing the benefit of Mr. Fletcher's valued experience and advice at the present critical juncture. While he will take with him the very heartiest of good wishes, his leaving will be generally regretted.

Born on September 27th, 1878, Mr. Arthur George Murchison Fletcher was educated at Cheltenham College, and Trinity College, Oxford, of which he was an exhibitioner. He received his appointment as a Cadet in November, 1901, and arrived in Hongkong in January, 1902. Before he had finished his studies of Cantonese, he acted for a while as British Vice-Consul at Macao. He was later seconded for famine relief work in Kwangsi and, on returning to Hongkong, was appointed Deputy Registrar of Marriages and, later, Acting Assistant Registrar General. From 1905 onwards, Mr. Fletcher has mostly been connected with the Colonial Secretary's office, but he has, in addition, held other Government posts, among them being Deputy Official Receiver, Assistant to Attorney General, Acting Assessor of Rates, Official Receiver, Acting Colonial Treasurer, Head of the Sanitary Department, and, on several occasions, Private Secretary to the Governor. Mr. Fletcher first took his seat on the Councils in 1913 and has at various times acted as Colonial Secretary, in which capacity he has been prominently identified with many of the Colony's most important development projects. He was Secretary to the Military Service Commission which sat in 1917, he was also Chairman of the Vital Requirements and Shipping Control Committees which sat later in the same year, and only in the early part of this year he represented Hongkong's interests at the important International Opium Convention, held at Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations. Mr. Fletcher has taken a deep and personal interest in Hongkong's rapid development of late years, has been a guide and inspiration to many, and was a keen devotee of the idea of town planning now being carried out in connection with Kowloon's development in which he has abundant faith. His grasp of the essentials as well as of the details of the Colony's main projects has been of tremendous value.

In June, 1919, His Majesty the King saw fit to bestow upon Mr. Fletcher the rank of Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and three years later (in June, 1922) he was made a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

CHICHERIN RETURNS.

Moscow, Dec. 27.
M. Chicherin has arrived, on completion of his tour of European capitals.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

PORTUGAL DEFEATS
SCOTLAND BY 2-1.

[BY "WANDERER."]

When Portugal with a strong wind lending them valuable aid failed to obtain a first half lead in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition on Saturday, the chances appeared most decidedly in favour of a Scottish victory. Gosano, however, scored a brilliant goal mid-way through the second half and gave the better team a narrow win.

In describing Portugal as the better team, reference is chiefly directed to team-work, and their superiority in this respect was only to be expected, since ten of the players were drawn from the Club de Recreio first eleven. Their forward line had a far more collected idea of what they were doing and what they were expected to do, and with Gosano in his best form Clark had plenty to do in Scotland's goal.

Fortunately for Scotland, McGreavey, Stewart and McKelvie were in excellent form, for quite early on it was quite clear that Oram was dangerously uncertain and Summers was inclined to take too many risks. Guterres took advantage of a midkick by Oram and tested Clark with a good shot, and then Brodie sent away on the right centred the ball to see Ogle kick out from the goal-line after Fernandes, mis-judging its flight, had allowed it to pass.

After twenty minutes' play, Forsyth slipped the ball through, and McBride gave Fernandes no chance with a capitally placed shot. The Portuguese were having the better of the exchanges, the strong wind giving the Scottish defenders little chance to get in a long clearance. Oram hesitated when he had hosts of time to clear and Fernandes, dispossessing him, passed to Gosano, standing unmarked, who easily shot past Clark.

The wind had a material effect on the play after the interval, Scotland often finding it possible to play nine men in their opponents' half. The Portuguese were, however, dangerous whenever they broke away and eventually Silva middled the ball for Gosano to head in on the run.

Scotland had many chances to score in the second half, but although the cross-bar was struck on two occasions and Brodie called upon Fernandes to effect a clever save, the forwards were never impressive. Forsyth continually trapped the ball and then decided to run towards his own goal. Johnston couldn't control the ball, and Key worked hard, but rarely out in a decent centre. McBride has played better games, but he was about the best of the line. The half-backs bore the brunt both of defence and attack and two of the best efforts to score came from McGreavey in the first half and McKelvie in the second. Neither was resourceful, though Summers was, and was in the limelight after the interval when he took the part of an intermediary half-back-forward, whatever position that might be. Clark brought off many clever saves, including a turn into his own goal by McKelvie.

Portugal's football was confined for the main part to kick-and-rush tactics. The backs kicked hard and with confidence, albeit little idea of direction, and the half-backs, A. V. A. A. and H. C. Remedios, tackling effectively and displaying remarkable tenacity. Without Gosano, the forward line would not have been impressive, but the centre-forward sent out wonderfully accurate passes to both wings, and they could not help but make ground.

LONG-DISTANCE YACHT
RACE.

U. AND I. WINS MACAO EVENT.

After a capital run out to Macao, the yachts competing in the long-distance race on Boxing Day had a series of calms when on the homeward tack, and the Yacht Club was not reached until early the following morning. The event was won by Mr. H. S. Rouse's cutter U. and I., which did the whole course in a little over 22 hours. The longest time taken by any of the competitors was just over 23 hours. Considering the adverse conditions on the way back, this was not bad going, and was due principally to the very quick run out to Macao, when a fine breeze held all the way.

As we reported on Saturday, the start left nothing to be desired, a fairly strong wind taking the U. and I., La Cigale, Coquette, Brenda, and Lady Jean towards Capsul-hum, with the Tavy II making for a course of her own to the south down Sulphur Channel.

The leading boats reached Macao between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, which was considered a record run, and it was confidently hoped to get back to Hongkong before midnight. Drizzles, mists, and finally flat calms, seemed to be the order homeward, however, and the first to return did not reach the finishing point until near sunrise yesterday. The last stage, down Hongkong harbour, took several hours, consisting principally of drifting with the tide. Near the end, about half past five, slight puffs of air brought the luggards along, and the boats were all in before noon.

Their handicaps enabled Brenda to finish second and Tavy II third. The details (with boats in order of finishing) are given below:

Boat	Time	Time
U. and I.	1.11.00	5.40.22
La Cigale	1.51.25	7.24.34
Coquette	1.51.25	7.24.37
Brenda 2nd	3.09.20	7.53.03
Lady Jean	2.12.07	8.08.02
Tavy II 3rd	6.30.30	11.44.58

FRENCH FINANCES.

THE LEFT GROUP'S PROPOSALS.

Paris, Dec. 26.
The Government yesterday pursued its examination of the financial propositions of M. Doumer. Reserves were made by Radical Socialist Ministers chiefly on the increase of the tax on turnover of businesses. M. Briand hopes to arrive at an agreement on Tuesday.

The counter-proposal of the Left Groups will be made on Monday, with the object of balancing the Budget without modifying the rates of general taxation on actual revenues, which only enlarges the assessment with the object of bringing in a larger number of taxpayers, maintains the principle of making the declaration of incomes obligatory, extends the power of controllers, looks to fresh resources by the sale of unused properties belonging to the State, strengthens the control of the tax on non-commercial professions, modifies the system of taxation on industrial and commercial profits, increases the tax on transactions of the Stock Exchange according to a graduated scale but without exceeding the rate applied to foreign markets, establishes a tax on bills discounted and a compensating tax on exchange regarding exports, hastens the collection of the tax on war profits, and increases gradually the tax on agricultural profits in order to bring in the large producers.—*Indopacifi.*

RUBBER MARKET.

STRAITS QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore, notifying that the Jeram Kuantan Rubber Estate, Limited, has declared another interim dividend of 12%, making in all 24% to date. The cable reports the following sales made to Hongkong:—

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Delhi, Dec. 27.

Raja Panagal, Minister of the Madras Government, in his presidential address to the All India and Non-Brahmin Congress, urged the British Government to take immediate steps to give a further advance to constitutional reforms. The method of achieving this was neither civil disobedience nor obstruction, but meek submission or an appeal to the British nation and the League of Nations through Britain. He feared the South African Indian problem was fast getting beyond control and advised Indians to change their attitude towards the depressed classes.—*Reuter*.

AMERICAN SPEAKER'S SYMPATHY.

Cawnpore, Dec. 27.

The National Congress has passed a resolution urging the Viceroy not to sanction the Burman Bill for the expulsion of non-Burman offenders, also the Bill providing for a tax on passengers arriving in Burma by sea on the ground that it would impair the interests of Indian residents in Burma.

The Congress also passed resolutions condemning the action of the Government in keeping detained persons under the Bengal Ordinance imprisoned without trial for over a year and demanding their release. It also expressed its intention of supporting the Sikh prisoners who are insisting on an unconditional release as a result of the Gurdwaras settlement. Professor Holmes, of Pennsylvania University and the American Federation of Labour, in a speech assured the meeting, amid applause, of American sympathy and freedom in India and said the West were looking to Gandhi for his gospel.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB TEAM AGAINST
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The following will represent the Club on Wednesday, 30th instant, at 5 p.m. sharp at the U.S.R.C. against H.M.S. Hawkins:—E. W. Hamilton, C.L.R. Becher, A.P.T. Farquharson, E.F. Stewart, E.J.R. Mitchell (capt), Rev. E.W.L. Martin, H. Owen, Hughes, A. D. Ball, W. Woodward, Lt. E. J. Larkcom, R. E. and B. D. Evans.

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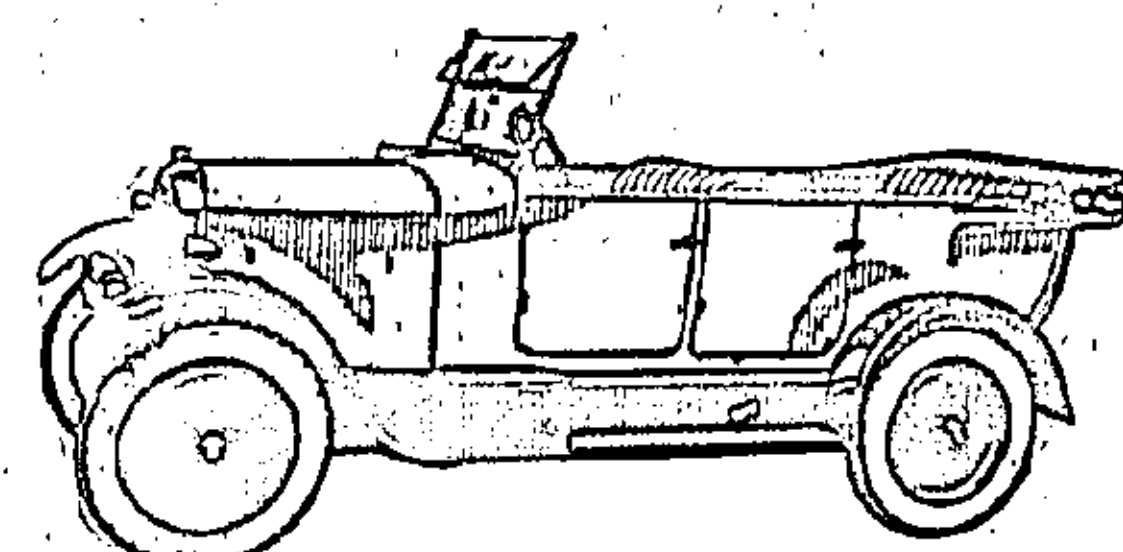
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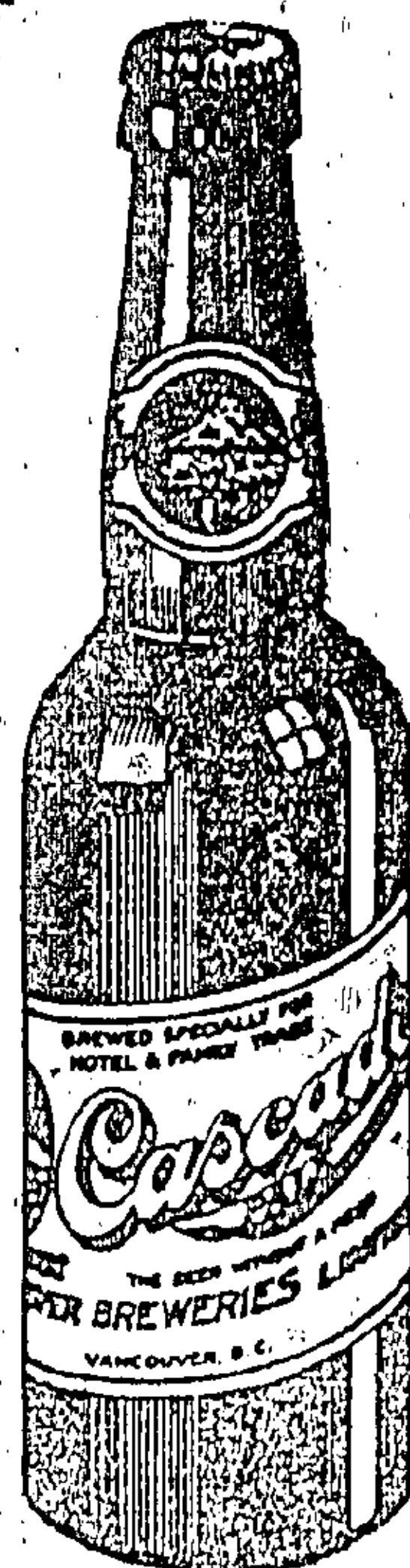
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R. A. CHRISTMAS TREE.

R. E. THEATRE GIVEN OVER TO FESTIVITIES.

Youngsters Entertained.

On Wednesday afternoon the children of the Royal Artillery were entertained at the R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, on the occasion of the annual Christmas tree and tea.

The hall was tastefully dressed with flags and floral decorations. The tree was lit up with coloured and fancy electric lamps, showing up the tinsel and bright ornaments, and its branches were loaded down with presents for the children. The games provided were the shuttle and electric shock inside the hall and the aerial glide outside.

At 3 p.m. the young gunners and their parents began to arrive from the out-stations at Lygon and Stonecutters, and were greeted at the entrance by Father Christmas. The children were soon busy enjoying themselves at the games, ably controlled by Warrant Officers of the Regiment, the shuttle being a great attraction.

At 4 o'clock the children were quite ready to do full justice to the tea. During tea "Felix" made his appearance among the tables and was greatly admired by the little ones.

The main feature of the afternoon, however, was still to come in the form of the Christmas tree, which had been screened off from view.

The Christmas presents were distributed by Mrs. G. F. S. Luke, wife of Colonel Luke, D. S. O., R. A., commanding the Royal Artillery. Each child also received a Christmas stocking and a bag of sweets, and lost no time in making a "look see."

At the conclusion, lusty cheers were given for Mrs. Luke, to whom a bouquet, tied with the R. A. colours, was presented. Colonel Luke thanked those present on behalf of Mrs. Luke and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also called for three hearty cheers for the Committee, which were readily given, for the efficient manner in which they had carried out their work.

The Christmas party concluded with a cinema show, "Felix the Cat" and Snub Pollard being the favourite items.

Much praise for the enjoyable time spent is due to Colonel and Mrs. Luke, Colonel W. A. Edmondson, R.A., Lieutenant and Mrs. J. A. Chester, the ladies and officers who assisted at the tea tables and the tree, Gunners Broadhurst and Dove, R.S.M. Cook, B.Q.M.S. Moore, Gunner Vandenhoven as Father Christmas, Miss Allen as Felix the Cat and Mrs. Swinson at pianist.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

HERMES BLUEJACKET STRUCK BY FLYING FLOAT.

Details of a regrettable accident which took place on board H.M.S. Hermes about a fortnight ago have just come to hand, the victim being an able seaman, who after having lain in the Naval Hospital in a precarious state for some days, passed away on Friday evening.

It appears that the engine of a large observation plane was being tested prior to flight when the slip stream from the propeller affected a spare float which was lying on the deck and whirled it into the air.

Able Seaman Whitby, who was at the time holding down the wing of another machine, was struck in the back by the flying float, receiving injuries to the spine which necessitated removal to the Naval Hospital.

Although it was thought at the time that these injuries were of a nature that would be remedied by treatment, it was later feared that paralysis of the lower limbs would be permanent, as little or no improvement in the unfortunate seaman's condition had been registered since his admission to the institution.

Death ensued on Friday evening, and the funeral took place on Saturday, the body being followed to the graveside by a mourning party from ships in harbour and officers of the Hermes, which ship also provided a firing party.

A large number of wreaths were sent, including tributes from his messmates, and other comrades. The naval ships half-masted their flags.

EASMA CEREMONY.

UNIQUE EVENT IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.

Help For Old Comrades.

A ceremony unique in the history of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association was carried out at the Club premises at noon on Saturday when Mr. T. T. Laurensen, the President, in the presence of a large gathering of members, unveiled a portrait of Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, the Hon. Secretary of the Association and its first life-member.

Life membership was conferred on Mr. MacReynolds at the last annual general meeting of the Association as an expression of gratitude and appreciation of the work carried out by him during his tenure of the Hon. Secretaryship.

In unveiling the picture Mr. Laurensen said:

"Gentlemen.—A member of our Association, Mr. Stanley Hill, has very kindly presented to us a fine drawing of our Honorary Secretary Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, whose work on behalf of this Association has in itself been a monument of excellence which will last as long as the name of Easma is known and long after you and I have left this Colony. It is not my desire to embarrass our genial friend by making a long recital regarding our very sincere appreciation of services rendered for us all individually and collectively, to further the interests of this Association in the best possible way. Possessed with that unalterable, indomitable spirit of 1914 and the years that followed he is a zealous champion of all of those who were one with him in that Great Adventure, and as a mark of our very high esteem I now have very great pleasure in unveiling this picture of our Honorary Secretary Mr. T. N. MacReynolds, the first Honorary Life Member of this Association.

The members present then joined in toasting Mr. MacReynolds and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. MacReynolds replied briefly and stressed the need for maintaining the comradeship of 1914. Since he had been in office a large number of ex-Service men had been helped and the few cases that had been turned down were unhelpable. He desired to associate the Committee with all that had been done, for in them the Association had a capable and energetic body who had its best interests at heart.

Further toasts and singing brought the ceremony to a close.

AMERICAN MOTORDOM.

TWENTY MILLION CARS REGISTERED.

New York, Dec. 26.

One out of every five white persons in the United States owns a motor car, according to latest statistics.

At the present time there are over 20,000,000 motor vehicles registered, which is an increase of two millions, notwithstanding that a million vehicles were scrapped during the year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. DESTROYERS FOR CHINA.

SIX REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT THE PHILIPPINES.

New York, Dec. 25.

It is reported from Manila that six American destroyers have left for China, two proceeding to Shanghai, one to Chefoo, one to Hongkong and one to Taku Bar. The destination of the sixth is unknown.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A bottle containing an anti-septic solution was dropped in a vessel of impure water. The bottle was sealed in such a way that none of the antiseptic could come in contact with the water, yet twenty-four hours later, when it was removed, one quarter of the microbes in the impure water had been killed. The account of the experiment, conducted by Dr. Teohueyres and Dr. Bunau-Varilla, was given recently before the French Academy of Sciences, when the only theory advanced to explain the phenomenon was that the antiseptic gave off rays which attacked and killed certain microbes.

HISTORIC CHURCH.

PHILADELPHIA'S OLD CHRIST CHURCH.

Old Christ Church, on Second Street below Arch Street, Philadelphia, has heard the prayers of America's first patriots beseeching freedom from tyranny. Visitors to the Sesqui-centennial International Exposition next year will scarcely find a landmark of more historical significance.

Construction of the ancient sanctuary, which is of pure Colonial architecture, was begun in 1727. Dissension regarding an environment conducive to worship must have abounded, for many alterations were made, and it was only after the pulpit was moved twice, the gallery enlarged, the seats altered, and the twenty-four branch chandelier hung, that the body of the church was completed in 1744. The pillars alone seem to have been made of adamant.

Funds for a steeple and bells were raised by means of a lottery. The latter would indicate a more broad-minded attitude on the part of our forefathers toward funding expenses than is the custom of the 20th century vestryman. There can be no doubt that it was over-subscribed since Benjamin Franklin was one of its managers. The tower and steeple were completed in 1753-54, and a chime of eight bells, costing five hundred pounds, was imported.

The old pulpit of 1770, the prayer desks made from the original high desk, and the old communion table below the altar, remain to this day. The font, at which Bishop White, Francis Hopkinson, and a long list of worthies were baptized, was replaced in 1879 by one which was the gift of Jonathan Gostelowe. The beautiful silver bowl, weighing over sixty-three ounces, presented by Colonel Robert Quarry of the British Army in 1712, is still used.

It is the general impression that Washington, during his sojourn in Philadelphia, was a regular attendant at Christ Church. However, it appears from the correspondence of Bishop White with Colonel Mercer that the General was at one time a worshipper at St. Peter's. Says Bishop White: "He was an antipode to those who are in the habit of changing the places of their attendance."

Many distinguished men were buried under the floors of Christ Church, including Bishop White and his brother-in-law Robert Morris. In the burying ground at the southeast corner of Fifth and Arch Streets were buried Franklin and his wife, Deborah; General James Irvine, Major William Jackson, the Rev. Bird Wilson, Peyton Randolph, president of the First Continental Congress, and Francis Hopkinson.

The Rev. Jacob Duché, a gentleman with Tory proclivities shepherded the illustrious Christ Church flock during the stirring period of 1776. On the Fourth of July, after the reading of the Declaration, he permitted the bells of the church to chime merrily, becoming, for the moment, a patriot. Later he wrote his famous letter to Washington, in which he states that he insisted upon using the prayer for the royal family till the last moment, though threatened with violence; but that on the Declaration of Independence, not being able to consult his spiritual superior, he called his vestry together and solemnly put the question, whether they thought it best for the congregations to close the churches or to continue the services without using the petitions for the royal family. The vestry promptly decided: "The Honorable Continental Congress, having resolved to declare the American Colonies to be free and independent States: it will be proper to omit those petitions."

GERMANY AND MEDICAL SCIENCE.

RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS OF WAR.

"Germany still leads the whole world at least so far as the medical science is concerned," said Dr. Jun Tawara, professor of the Kyushu Imperial University, at Shimonoseki recently upon his return from Germany via the Trans-Siberia Railway. Dr. Tawara has been studying the medical condition of Europe and America during the past six months. He continued:—

"On this trip of mine, I made it a point to take a look at the pathological class-room more than anything else. To all appearance, medical institutions of that country have recovered from the wounds of the Great War. They are getting a decent subsidy from their government. So, the talk about the 'peddling theses' is a thing of the past. Nor are the bulk of college professors any longer hard up, though they may not be as well off as they were during the pre-war days. In spite of the apparent handicap to which they are subjected to, they are showing a positive zeal for research work. In fact, one would hardly think they are of a beaten nation."

Cancer Research.

"Recently, it is reported they have discovered the cause of cancer. I don't know whether this is authentic or not. If it is a fait accompli, it will be an untold blessing to mankind. German medical schools are about on the same scale as those of Japan at present. Germany has reached a stage now where she is suffering from the excessive number of physicians and surgeons. On top of that, since the extensive application of health insurance came into being, a lot of practitioners are barely making their expenses. Naturally, the number of applicants for medical colleges has greatly decreased."

Housing for Labourers.

"As an evidence of Germany's quick recovery from the havoc of the War, the working men's boarding house recently completed at Berlin, is a substantial five-storey structure, well equipped and up-to-date in every respect. Yet, a single night's lodging with three square meals and a bath costs only 17 cent! If any one happens to be out of work, they would not force him to pay until a more favourable time."

"The repairs to roads, more often than not neglected in a hard time in Japan, are going on in Germany as though nothing had happened. The repeated talk about the under-fed children of that country may hold true of rural children. But in cities, they appear to be well fed."

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Verily, the clerical conscience was salved with opportunism.

SCHOOLS TO TEACH PEACE.

TEACHERS AND THE PREVENTION OF WAR.

That history lessons need reforming to take the stress off war and international conflict, and to place it instead upon the progress of man in civilization, learning, character, and morality, was urged by a representative of the National Union of Teachers at one of a series of meetings which are being held all over England to propagate the ideals of peace and international harmony. In this work the teachers' organizations are co-operating with the National Council for the Prevention of War.

The same speaker pointed out that geography could be used to show the economic interdependence of nations; England draws corn from America, meat from New Zealand, oranges from Spain, and so on through the scores of articles necessary for everyday life. One teacher, he said, had actually made a syllabus of geography which based the lessons upon various products, tracing them to their source and describing the lands and people whence they came.

Above all, this speaker said, it was necessary to create the necessary attitude in favour of peace. In a slum district a certain teacher found the boys always ready to fight on the smallest provocation or none. By dint of years of example and precept, he created such an atmosphere that when one boy happened to tread on another's foot by accident, instead of the sharp blow and the consequent bout of fist-fighting, there would be a rough-and-ready but nevertheless genuine, "Sorry, old man," met with "It's all right, old chap."

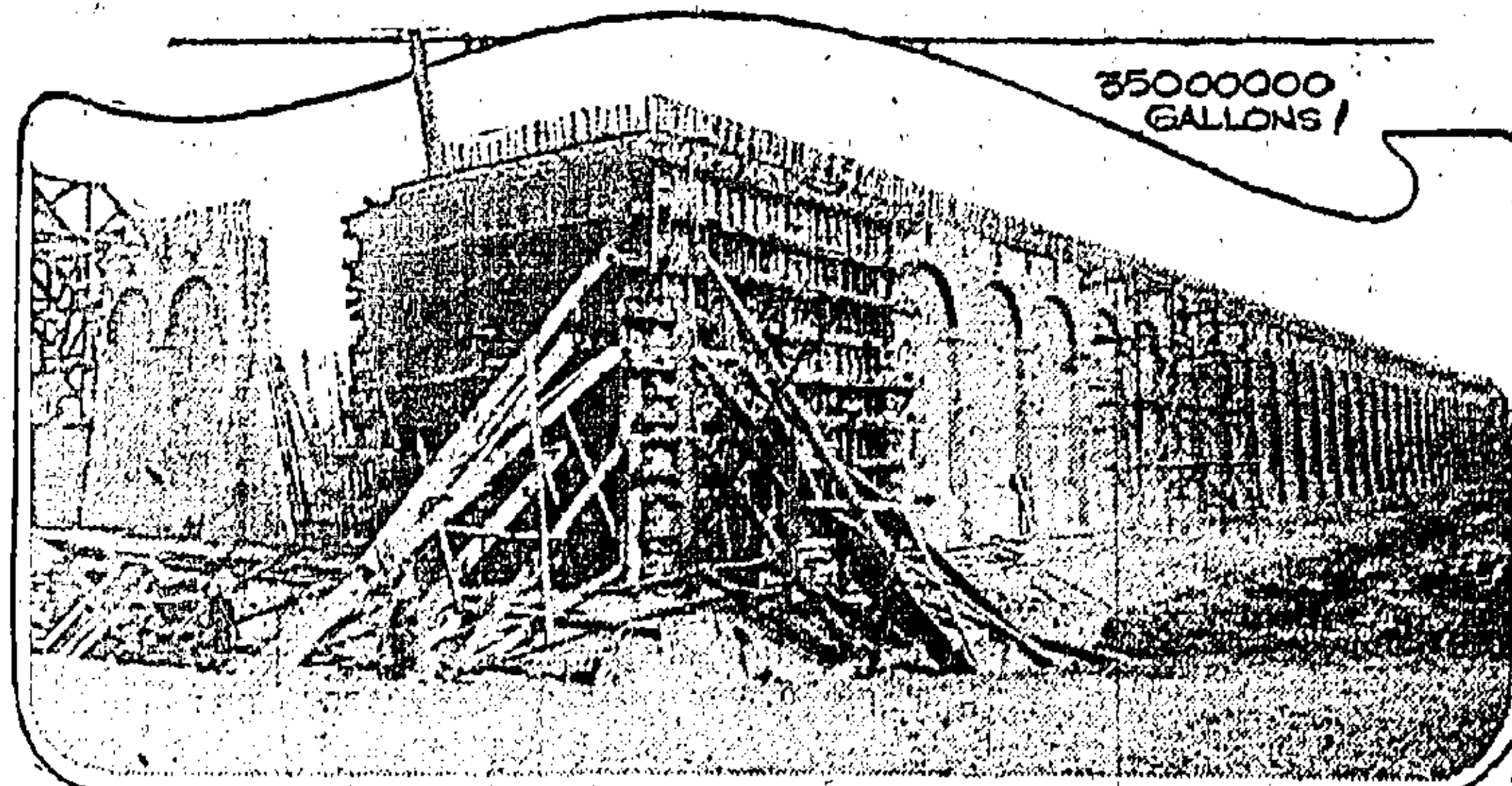
The speaker, representing the National Council for the Prevention of War, described the attitude which he thought ought to be cultivated toward war—an attitude not only of dislike, but also of ridicule. He dwelt upon the needlessness of most wars, and the fact that deliberation and arbitration could have prevented many of them.

The movement is creating much interest. The audiences usually contain, besides numerous teachers, many representatives of religious bodies and social organizations, and, while agreement is not always expressed upon details of method, the aims are thoroughly indorsed.

A tragedy with something of the flavour of Pagliacci about it was staged last month in Paris, when the celebrated film comedian, Max Linder—France's Charlie Chaplin—and his beautiful young wife committed suicide. They took the step in accordance with a pact which they had twice previously attempted to carry out without success.

About \$100,000 worth of black fox puppies left Canada on the Canadian Pacific liner "Melita" for Antwerp. From there they travel across France to Switzerland, where they will form the nucleus of a fox breeding establishment. These foxes were purchased in New Brunswick, from which province a number of similar shipments have been made to the other side in the past year or two.

GIANT REINFORCED CONCRETE RESERVOIR.



Everywhere in America the rapid growth of cities in the last generation has brought to engineers an increasing problem—the supply of pure water to the inhabitants. Before the science of bacteriology had reached its present advanced stage, engineers were not much concerned with the source of supply if only it were sufficient in volume. Now it is recognized that not only must the supply be ample under changing conditions of rainfall and of growing population, but that if the public health is to be safeguarded it must be pure. Cincinnati is one of the cities most recently to undertake a project looking to a new source of water supply for its people and to keep this supply adequate," says the Rail Steel Products association. "It has well under way in the East-rn Hills suburbs a huge reservoir, intended to impound 85,000,000 gallons of water. The reinforced concrete structure in which more than 1,000 tons of rail steel reinforcing bars are being used, will be 400 feet square and thirty feet deep. To prepare the site, the top of a hill was cut down and the earth spread out to make a plateau. There were more than 70,000 cubic feet of earth excavation and 24,000 cubic feet of concrete will be used. This is only one of the recent notable examples of public improvements in which reinforced concrete is extensively used and in which engineers have specified rail steel bars as the reinforcing material. The Cincinnati reservoir was designed by J. A. Hiller, the superintendent of the water works,

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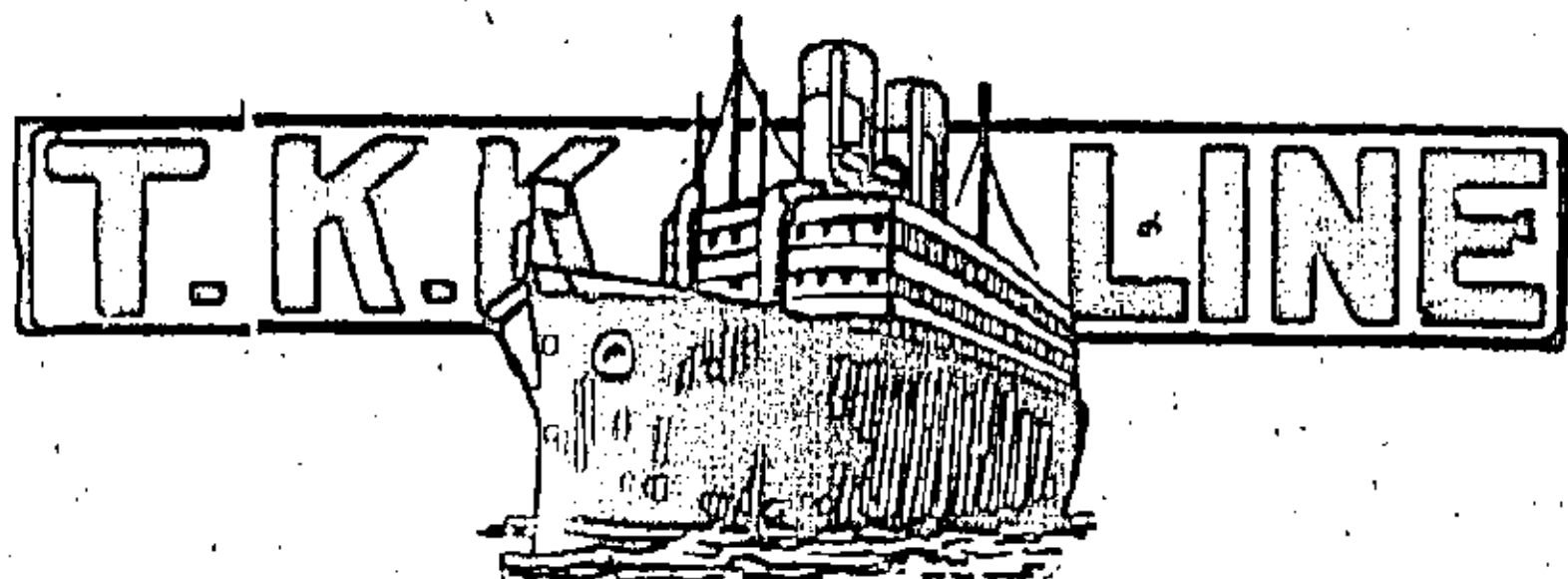
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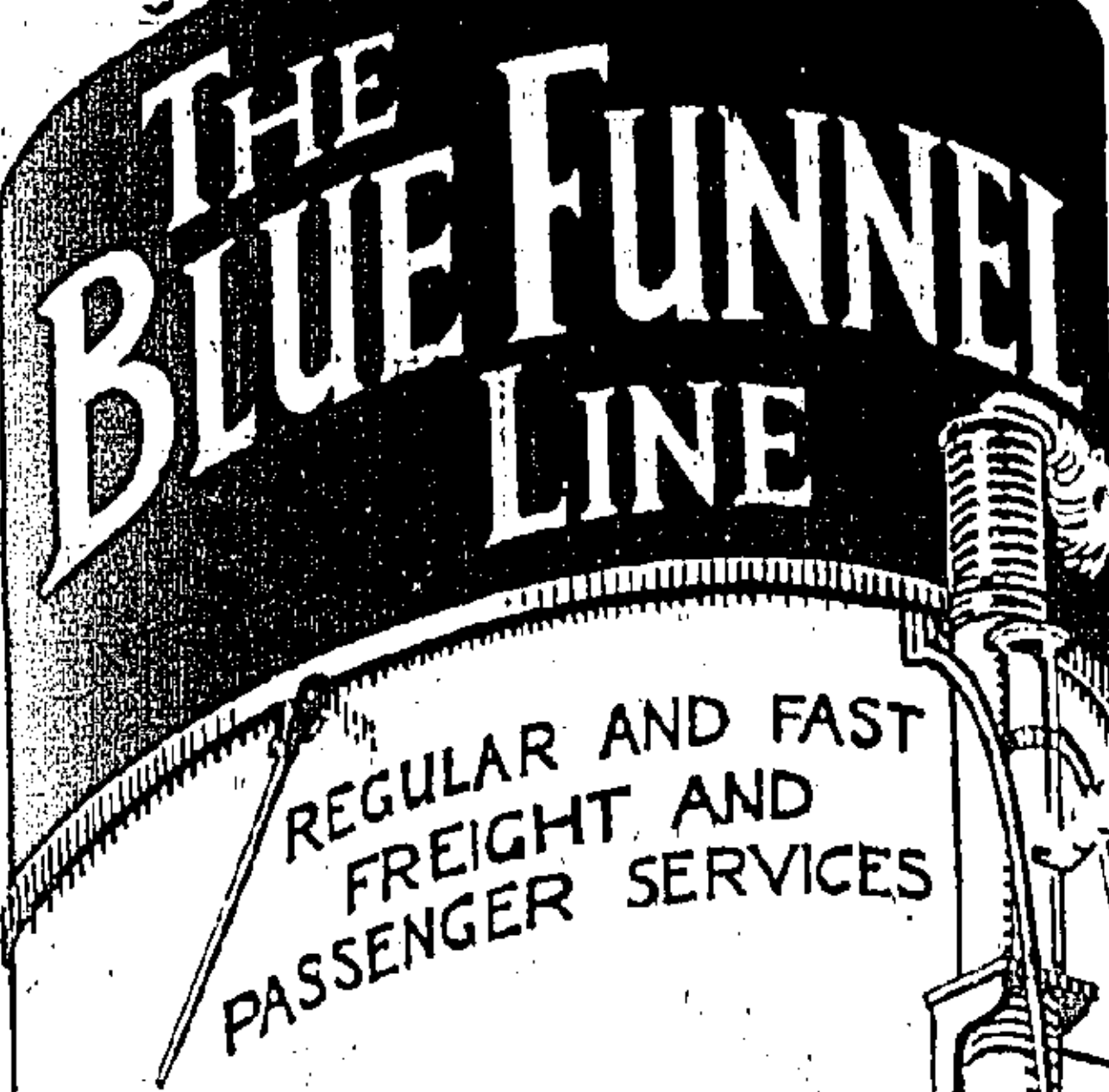
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INDIAN CONGRESS.

RIOT IN THE SWARAJIST RANKS.

Cawnpore, Dec. 25.
The General Council of the Swaraj party has discussed the programme which will be submitted for the endorsement of the National Congress at to-morrow's meeting. It carried Motilal Nehru's proposal that in the event of the Government failing to give a satisfactory reply to the Legislative Assembly's repeated demand for constitutional advance involving the transfer to the legislature of responsibility for practically all departments, except temporary reservations in regard to foreign and military affairs, the members should not attend the Legislatures except to prevent their seats being declared vacant.
It was further decided that in the above eventuality a special committee of the party should call a meeting of the all-India Congress Committee to frame a programme of work to be carried out by the Congress and Swaraj organisations.

Heated Discussion.

Cawnpore, Dec. 26.
The Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, by a vote of 135 to 21, has adopted the resolution of Pandit Motilal Nehru in favour of boycotting Legislative Councils if the demands already made by the Legislative Assembly in regard to constitutional progress are not conceded. The resolution laid down that Swarajists should only attend often enough to prevent their seats from being vacated and that they should throw out the budget also. No office should be accepted as long as the Government did not give anything like a satisfactory reply.

THE COTTON MARKET.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF CROP TO ENSURE PROFITS.

Washington, Dec. 25.
The American Cotton Association has convened a meeting of farmers, merchants and bankers for the 7th January at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss the methods of reducing the 1926 crop to ensure profits.
Mr. John King, Secretary of the Producers' Association, stated that the price of twenty-five cents a pound was necessary to insure a profit. It is estimated that \$100,000,000 were lost on the 1925 crop.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CINEMA DISASTER.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN PANIC IN CEBU THEATRE.

Manila, Dec. 27.
Thirteen persons were killed and a hundred injured when a blaze in a Cebu theatre started a panic among the audience.
Many were trampled down in rushing to the exit. An American cut an exit through the walls, saving many lives. The fire started in the projection room.—*Reuter.*

The discussion was heated owing to the Bombay and Nagpur Swarajist leaders declaring that offices of power and responsibility ought to be filled by patriots at a time when Indianisation was proceeding apace, otherwise the Swaraj movement would receive a setback and the Government would appoint anti-Nationalists.
The resolution is expected to be carried by a large majority when brought before the Congress.—*Reuter.*

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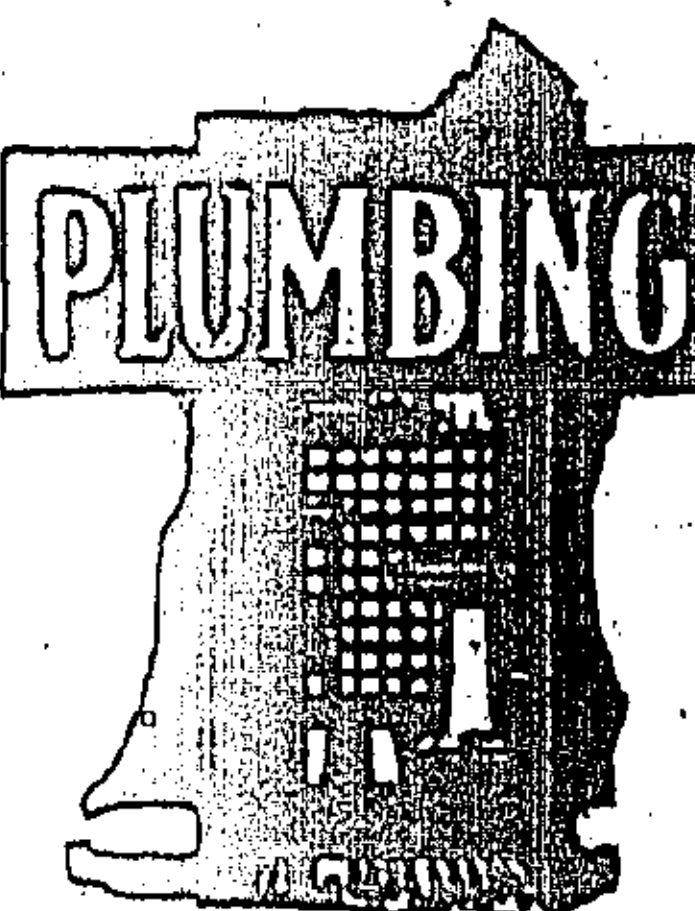


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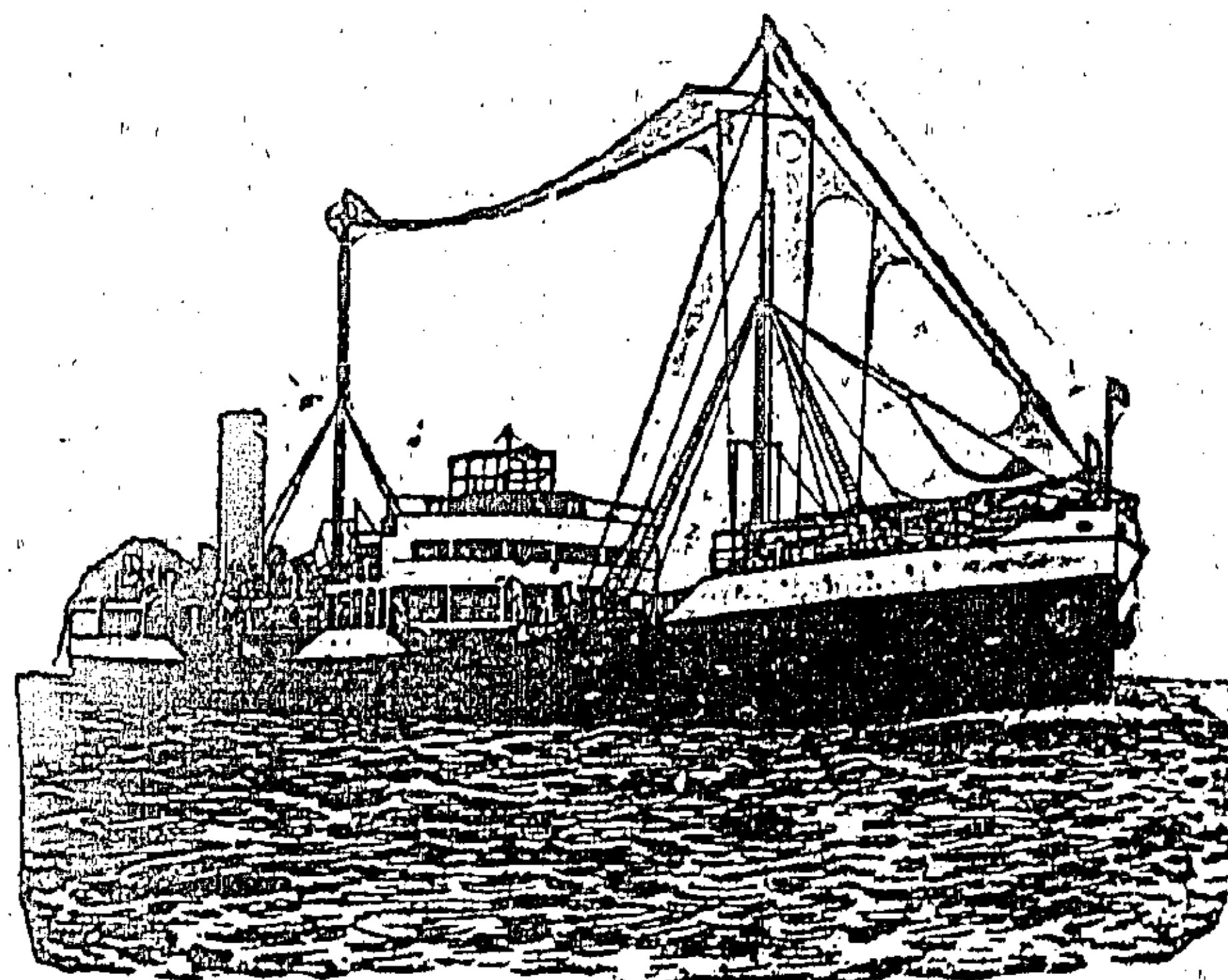


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ALPHEA	5,276	1st Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	4th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, Obo & B'bay
MAIWA	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KARMA	9,128	20th Feb.	M's, London & Antwerp
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MOREA	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles & London
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Kashima Maru	December 29.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	City of Cairo	December 29.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	January 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	January 1.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	January 3.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and		
Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	January 4.
Japan	Arakura	January 4.
Shanghai	Amboise	January 5.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	January 7.
Australia and Manila	President Lincoln	January 7.
	St. Albans	January 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Szechuen	Mon., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Emil Kirshoff	Mon., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Suicon	Maud	Tues., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Kwong Sang	Tues., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Hainan	New Mathilde	Tues., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via		
Siberia (letters and postcards		
especially superscribed "via Siberia"		
only)	Kashima Maru	Wed., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy and Poochow	Huiching	Tues., Dec. 29, Noon.
Amoy	Anking	Tues., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Suicon	Kunchow	Wed., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow	Kunghow	Thurs., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Hopang	Wed., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Pook Sang	Fri., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A.,		
Canada, C. and S. America and		
Europe via San Francisco and		
Europe via Siberia (letters and		
postcards especially superscribed		
"Via Siberia" only)	Pres. Wilson	Sat., Jan. 2,
	Parcels	Noon.
	Registration	Noon.
	Letters	Noon.
	(Due Francisco, 27th Jan., 1926.)	
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Fri., Jan. 2, Noon.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

Mrs. Wu Pei-fu is reported by
the Chinese press to have passed
away in Hankow.

Feeling hungry, the giant boa-
constrictor in the Hamburg Zoo
found the end of his tail and
began to swallow it, says a recent
report. Finally he was choked
in the process and was found dead
lying in a circle. The snake
symbol of eternity.

A Spaniard, Jose Rascado, was
the other day charged at Dublin
with the attempted murder of
Eric Lundgrist on the steamer
Granero, when the vessel was off
the Arklow coast. The magistrate
held that as the occurrence took
place outside the three-mile limit
he had no jurisdiction, and order-
ed the man to be discharged. He
was handed over to the captain.

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"RED" UNION.

INVITATIONS TO WORLD
CONGRESS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.
The Congress of the National
Labour Secretariat, presided over
by the Dutch Communist Heer
Sneevliet and attended by repre-
sentatives of the British Minority
Party and also the Soviet, has passed
a resolution by 118 votes to 4
instructing the Executive to give
effect to a resolution adopted by
referendum in 1923 to join the Red
Trade Unions International. It
has also resolved by 118 votes to 3
in favour of the Red Trade Unions
International issuing invitations to
a World Congress of Red Trade
Unions International, of the Inter-
national federation of Trade
Unions and of organizations not
belonging to both Internationals.—
Reuter.

TURKEY'S PROBLEMS.

MAY BE FORCED TO WAR.

London Dec. 27.
A Westminster Gazette message
from Ankara learns that the
territorial loss of Mosul is in-
significant compared to the loss
of prestige to Mustapha Kemal
and his government, which is
still faced with strong opposition
in Turkey. The Government
may be forced to war to regain
its prestige and to avert a revolution
at home. The message adds
that the Turco-Soviet Treaty
contains secret clauses guaranteeing
Soviet support to Turkey in
the event of war.—Reuter.

X-RAY CURE.

NO GERM OF CANCER?

Dr. Ludwig Wolff, the German
cancer specialist, in an interview
which appears in the *Daily*
Science News Bulletin (Washing-
ton), makes very light of the
English cancer discoveries, and,
indeed, holds that "the results so
sensationally trumpeted by the
Press" had in fact been obtained
in Germany some time before.
He goes on:

"But this is really of no import-
ance at all, for while these 'dis-
coveries' have an undoubted
scientific interest, they do not
bring us an inch nearer the solu-
tion of the cancer problem.
They aim at finding and isolat-
ing the cancer germ. That is to
say, they aim at finding some-
thing which simply does not
exist. There is no such thing as
a cancer germ. There can be
none. How do I know that?
Very simply.

Just think for a moment. We
know many diseases that are
caused by germs: tuberculosis,
malaria, a whole series of affec-
tions of the skin, and so on. But
these attack man at all ages.
Bacilli take no account of age;
they will attack an infant or a
youth as readily as a mature or
an old man. As you know, can-
cer is quite different; it never at-
tacks any one under the age of
thirty and extremely seldom
under the age of forty.

What does this mean? It
means first that the cause of can-
cer is not a bacillus, though it is,
of course, possible that the cancer
condition encourages the propa-
gation of a certain kind of
bacillus, which would, however,
be a symptom and not a cause of
the disease. It means, secondly,
that cancer is probably caused by
some change, perhaps a chemical
change, which the human body
undergoes in the course of years.

Dr. Wolff proceeds to give some
account of his own work, the root
idea of which is this:
Cancer in the first place is not
a single, separate disease, but the
generic name given to a series of
diseases with a family resom-
blance and with a common origin.
That origin is not a bacillus, but
some alteration in the inner
secretions. The way to fight it is
therefore to restore these secre-
tions to their normal state. Ex-
haustive tests have shown that a
carefully regulated use of X-rays
has the effect of stimulating the
secretions in such a way that
they recover their normal balance
and chemical composition. Our
experience has, I can state defi-
nitely, given us the most solid
grounds for the conviction that it
is on the lines of X-ray or of
radium ray treatments that the
cure of cancer, and even probably
the prevention of cancer—which
is perhaps even more important—
is to be sought, and not in a
sensational chase after bacilli
that, at best, are only secondary
manifestations of the disease.

SANCTUARIES.

BIRD VERSUS INSECT.

The contradictions in a sports-
man's life sometimes overwhelm
the naturalist, writes "B.T." in a
Home paper. Those who "hunt
and destroy" also "keep" and
"preserve," and by far the most
moving writers on natural history
are the sportsmen: to mention
a few of this generation, F. C.
Selous, Hesketh-Prichard, C. J.
Cornish. It is arguable, though
opinions will differ, that Richard
Jeffries, the supreme mystic,
gave witness of more insight
during his early days with the
gamekeepers than at the end,
when he lost himself—divinely,
but as inexplicably as Blake—in
recording "The Story of My
Heart."

This inherent contradiction be-
tween the delight in shooting and
the deeper delight in observing
life has never been more quaintly
brought out than in two events of
the moment. First, the National
Trust is examining into the use
of that delightful sanctuary,
Wicken Fen, as a place of sport.
Second, a Bill for the further pro-
tection of birds comes to its
second reading next week. Sports-
men are largely concerned in
both enterprises, condemning
themselves and defending them-
selves almost in the same passage.

Wicken Fen gives us some evi-
dence that helps to explain the
inherent contradiction. When you
enter that brown, open, and yet
mysterious space, you are first
charmed by the birds. Nowhere
have I heard the snipe drumming
with more riotous zest, and now-
where found the shrike so tame.
But Wicken is not a bird sanctu-
ary. It is an insect sanctuary,
and therefore a plant sanctuary.

Almost all the rarer butterflies
are wedded to some particular
plant or plants. Happily some of
the loveliest are attached to their
early gourmandising years to
very common weeds, especially
the ineradicable nettle. But
others are daintier, more fastidi-
ous; the great copper, now as
good as extinct here, and the still
flourishing swallow-tail, whose
triumphant flight is comparable
almost with the snipe's. Now the
most eager preservers of birds
quote first and foremost their use
in destroying insects. The tit
eats so many hundred caterpillars
an hour; the plover and black-
headed gulls clear the ploughs of
grubs; the pheasant's beak is
busier with wire-worms than with
vegetables. It is very difficult to
keep and preserve one thing with-
out destroying another. A "Na-
ture red in tooth and claw" is
hardly to be avoided. The men
who shoot the greedy pheasants
on Wicken Fen are quite certain-
ly preserving the swallow-tail
butterfly. So, too, when the Bird
Protection Bill is discussed, it is
well to read the rather crisp
allusions to sportsmen with the
commentary that some of the
most active protectors have been
the most eager sportsmen.

SPORTSMEN'S MEMORIES.

How many unforgettable pic-
tures of birds and beasts at their
best remain with most of those
who have followed hounds or
waited and walked with a gun?
They come up in succession, like
the story on a film. When the
vague far-off murmur and tap of
the beaters begins, the life of the
wood seems to move almost
mechanically like a wind or a
cloud, towards the few figures
waiting silent in the ride. The
cub comes so close you may notice
the foxy smell and watch the turn
of the wary eye. A woodcock
that dipped down in a more open
space in front vanishes into the
oak leaves. A whole press of
winter finches, that you thought
were still in the north, show their
bold colours with fine salience as
they settle in a noisy pack on the
half-leaves boughs of scrub. What
a strange noise a single falling
oak leaf may make as it scrapes
its way through the bracken!

How freely the red campion
flowers even into November in
this little ditch where no wind
blows and the warm leaves repel
the frost! As for the blackberry,
that invaluable undergrowth, the
leaf is green, the berries both black
and red, the flowers still white
and pink. How racy the flight of
the thrushes and blackbirds!
You had not before noticed how
big they are and strong on the
wing. Then the noise grows
louder, the pheasants rise and
rocket, and the world changes.
The rest is forgotten for the
moment, but remembered for a
life-time.

A sanctuary does not neces-
sarily cease to be a sanctuary
because game birds are killed in
it from time to time. What has
to be remembered is that fear is

BANK GARDEN.

HISTORIC OASIS TO
DISAPPEAR.

For nearly a year house-
breakers have been preparing the
internal site of the Bank of
England in readiness for the great
rebuilding operation. And so the
end of the present Garden Court
approaches, for it has been ruled
that it cannot continue in the
new scheme. Thus will pass no
more pleasant area of greenery.
For the Garden Court is embodied
history; it is a witness that the
Bank, alike in architecture and
finance, was once of small
account, comments the London
Observer.

As "a lame expedient," to
quote the words of Paterson, who
first proposed it, the Bank
received its charter on July 27,
1694. The first meetings of the
directors and subscribers were
held at Mercers' Hall. At one,
held on September 28, 1694, it was
resolved to begin operations at
Grocers' Hall, in the Poultry.
The Bank opened for business on
January 1, 1695, having fifty-four
clerks.

Despite a troubled history, the
Bank at length found it both
necessary and advisable to obtain
a larger building. Accordingly,
in 1732 it was decided to build a hall
and office in Threadneedle-street.
The site chosen was that occupied
by the house and garden of the
Bank's first Governor, Sir John
Houblon. It was situated east of
the Church of St. Christopher-le-
Stocks—so called, it is said, from
the Stocks Market for fish and
flesh which occupied the site of
the Manison House. The new
building opened for business on
June 5, 1734.

The Bank was then hardly
visible from Threadneedle-street,
being approached by an arched
court. A writer in the *Gentle-
man's Magazine* says that "it
was comparatively a small
structure, almost invisible to
passersby, being surrounded by
many others," including the
church, several taverns, and
about twenty dwelling-houses.

Again, the passing of years gave
rise to the need for ample
accommodation and also room
for development. Therefore, in
1765, the Bank bought the rectory
and garden of the neighbouring
Church of St. Christopher. And
the church itself was soon to be
no more. In the Gordon Riots,
in 1780, the Bank was feebly, but
abjectly, attacked by the mob.
But the authorities, fearing that
the church tower might become a
dangerous fortress, had the
church demolished.

None the less, the churchyard
remained. To-day it is the
Garden Court. The bones were
removed to Nunhead in 1867.
According to tradition, the
Garden Court shelters the bones
of no ordinary being. Once, when
the body-snatchers practised
their nefarious calling, the Bank
had a clerk more than seven feet
high. But he defied the body-
snatchers by being buried, at his
own wish, in the Garden.

To-day the Garden Court
contains no hint of those
inhumane times. With its ancient
and spreading lime-tree, its
bloom and greenery, it is a
pleasant and restful place. But
its end approaches. It is true
that a new garden is to be provid-
ed in the centre of the site. But
it cannot compensate for the rich-
ness of the historical associations
of the present.

A wireless concert from the air
was given over England the other
evening, the performers doing
their various "turns" in an
aeroplane cruising somewhere in
the neighbourhood of Croydon
aerodrome. The concert was
picked up at Keston and transmit-
ted to London and thence to
other parts of the country. Reception was generally
rather unsatisfactory, and the
causes that may have contributed
to such a result are so numerous
that it is idle to speculate on
them. It was, no doubt, an
achievement to have carried the
project through, and, as a curi-
osity in broadcasting, the concert
was of some interest.

cumulative among animals that
are engaged, as is all the world,
in the struggle for life. The dis-
turbance for one day may be
thorough and little harm done,
but long intervals of peace are
necessary for humane reasons as
characterized by one interesting
innovation—namely that of driv-
ing concrete piles.

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FINE BUILDINGS.

The foundation stone of Shang-
hai's new Customs House, next to
the Hongkong and Shanghai
Bank, was laid on the morning
of Dec. 15th at 11 o'clock in the
presence of a large number of
people representing the many
nationalities of Shanghai.
Invitations to the ceremony were
issued by the Superintendent
and the Commissioner of
Customs.

The new Customs House is being
constructed on the same site as
the old one and after many
months spent in the difficult task
of preparing a foundation for the
big nine-storey building every-
thing is now ready for proceed-
ing. The preparation of the
foundation has been one of the
most difficult features of con-
struction because of the
massiveness of the building to
be erected on it. This work was
characterized by one interesting
innovation—namely that of driv-
ing concrete piles.

The new building will be nine
storeys high with a tower and
a clock of 18 feet diameter and
the designs, prepared by Mr. E.
Forbes Bothwell, of Messrs.
Palmer and Turner, show that
when completed the building will
rank as one of the most imposing
and dignified on the Bund. The
design is on restrained classic
lines and the building will con-
trast greatly with the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank next door,
having a towering effect which
will make it a landmark on the
Bund and a symbol to Shanghai's
busy shipping in the river below.

The new Customs House will
occupy a site bounded by the
Bund, Hankow Road and
Szechuen Road and will have a
capacity of six million cubic
feet. It will be a steel framed
structure faced with granite and
will be much better placed than
the old Customs House as a
certain amount of land has been
surrendered to widen the roads
bounding it.

Shanghai, in a few years will
probably have some of the finest
buildings in the East, including
projected Y. M. C. A. which will
be the largest in all Asia.